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Preface

Read the following topics to learn about:

- The meanings of text formats used in this document.
- Where you can find additional information and help.
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Text Conventions

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Convention	Description
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Table 3: Command syntax

Convention	Description
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<i>italic</i> text	Italic text indicates variable content.
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{ x y z }	A choice of required parameters is enclosed in curly brackets separated by vertical bars. You must select one of the options.
x y	A vertical bar separates mutually exclusive elements.
< >	Nonprinting characters, such as passwords, are enclosed in angle brackets.
...	Repeat the previous element, for example, <i>member</i> [<i>member</i> ...].
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About This Document

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What's New in this Document

The following table includes descriptions of changes made to this document for the SLX-OS 20.3.3 software release.

Table 4: Summary of changes

Feature	Description	Topic
Support for Extreme 8720 and Extreme 8520.	Added support for new hardware platforms Extreme 8720 and Extreme 8520	Supported Hardware on page 10

For additional information, refer to the *Extreme SLX-OS Release Notes* for this version.

Supported Hardware

For instances in which a topic or part of a topic applies to some devices but not to others, the topic specifically identifies the devices.

SLX-OS 20.3.3 supports the following hardware platforms.

- Devices based on the Broadcom XGS® chipset family:
 - Extreme 8720
 - Extreme 8520
 - ExtremeSwitching SLX 9250
 - ExtremeSwitching SLX 9150
- Devices based on the Broadcom DNX® chipset family:
 - ExtremeRouting SLX 9740
 - ExtremeRouting SLX 9640

- ExtremeSwitching SLX 9540

**Note**

All configurations and software features that are applicable to SLX 9150 and SLX 9250 devices are also applicable for the Extreme 8520 and Extreme 8720 devices respectively.

The "Measured Boot with Remote Attestation" feature is only applicable to the Extreme 8520 and Extreme 8720 devices. It is not supported on the SLX 9150 and SLX 9250 devices.

**Note**

Although many software and hardware configurations are tested and supported for this release, documenting all possible configurations and scenarios is beyond this document's scope.

For information about other releases, see the documentation for those releases.



IP Multicast

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IP Multicast Overview

To receive and transmit multicast data, stations (clients) use multicast protocols to access a group or a channel over different networks. Distribution of stock quotes, video transmissions such as news services and remote classrooms, and video conferencing are all examples of applications that use multicast routing.

Extreme devices support the following multicast protocols: Protocol-Independent Multicast (PIM) and Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP).

With the reverse path lookup and pruning features of PIM, source-specific multicast delivery trees reach all group members. Each source and destination host group has its own multicast tree.

IPv4 hosts use IGMP to report their multicast group memberships to immediate neighboring multicast routers.

For more information, see [IPv4 Multicast Routing](#) on page 14.

IP Multicast Snooping

A Layer 2 switch forwards all multicast control packets and data received on all the member ports of a VLAN interface. This simple approach is not bandwidth efficient, because only a subset of member ports may be connected to devices that want to receive these multicast packets. In a worst-case scenario, the data is forwarded to all port members of a VLAN even if only one VLAN member wants to receive the data. Such a scenario can lead to loss of throughput for switches that receive a high rate of multicast data traffic.

IGMP helps save bandwidth and throughput by forwarding traffic only to interested receivers. IGMP snooping provides the specification for forwarding IPv4 data traffic. For more information, see [IGMP Traffic Snooping](#) on page 44.

With PIM snooping, switches learn which multicast router ports need to receive multicast traffic. For more information, see [IPv4 PIM-SM Traffic Snooping](#) on page 50.

IP Multicast Queries and Responses

Multicast routers use IGMP to learn which groups have interested listeners on their attached physical networks. In a subnet, one multicast router is elected as an IGMP querier.

The querier sends queries to hosts. Hosts that are multicast listeners respond to the queries with requests to join or leave a multicast group. For more information, see [Internet Group Management Protocol](#) on page 14.



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Internet Group Management Protocol

The Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) allows an IPv4 system to communicate IP multicast group membership information to its neighboring routers. The routers, in turn, limit the multicast of IP packets with multicast destination addresses to only those interfaces on the router that are identified as IP multicast group members.

In IGMPv2, when a router sends a query to the interfaces, the clients on the interfaces respond with a membership report of multicast groups to the router. The router can then send traffic to these groups, regardless of the traffic source. When an interface no longer needs to receive traffic from a group, it sends a leave message to the router, which in turn sends a group-specific query to that interface to see if any other clients on the same interface are still active.

In contrast, IGMPv3 provides selective filtering of traffic based on the traffic source. A router running IGMPv3 sends queries to every multicast-enabled interface at the specified interval. These general queries determine if any interface wants to receive traffic from the router.

There are different types of query messages.

- **General Query:** Sent by a multicast router to learn the complete multicast reception state of the neighboring interfaces. In this query, both the Group Address field and the Number of Sources (N) field are zero.
- **Group-Specific Query:** Sent by a multicast router to learn the reception state, with respect to one multicast address, of the neighboring interfaces. In this query, the Group Address field contains the multicast address of interest, and the Number of Sources (N) field contains zero.
- **Group-and-Source-Specific Query:** Sent by a multicast router to learn whether neighboring interfaces want to receive packets sent to a specified multicast address, from any of a specified list of sources. In this query, the Group Address field contains the multicast address of interest, and the Source Address fields contain the source addresses of interest.

Interfaces respond to these queries by sending a membership report that contains one or more of the following records that are associated with a specific group.

- The current-state record indicates from which sources the interface wants to receive and not receive traffic. The record contains the source address of the interfaces and whether traffic will be received or included (IS_IN) or not received or excluded (IS_EX) from that source.
- The filter-mode-change record indicates that if the interface changes its current state from IS_IN to IS_EX, a TO_EX record is included in the membership report. Likewise, if the interface changes its current status from IS_EX to IS_IN, a TO_IN record appears in the membership report.
- The IGMPv2 Leave report is equivalent to a TO_IN (empty) record in IGMPv3. This record indicates that no traffic from this group will be received regardless of the source.
- The IGMPv2 group report is equivalent to an IS_EX (empty) record in IGMPv3. This record indicates that all traffic from this group will be received regardless of the source.
- The source-list-change record indicates that if the interface wants to add or remove traffic sources from its membership report, the membership report can have an ALLOW record, which contains a list of new sources from which the interface wishes to receive traffic. It can also contain a BLOCK record, which lists current traffic sources from which the interface wants to stop receiving traffic.

In response to membership reports from the interfaces, the router sends a Group-Specific Query or a Group-and-Source Specific Query to the multicast interfaces. For example, a router receives a membership report with a source-list-change record to block old sources from an interface. The router sends Group-and-Source Specific Queries to the source-group pair (S,G) identified in the record. If none of the interfaces is interested in the (S,G), it is removed from the (S,G) list for that interface on the router.

Each IGMPv3-enabled router maintains a record of the state of each group and each physical port in a virtual routing interface. This record contains the group, group-timer, filter mode, and source records information for the group or interface. Source records contain information about the source address of the packet and source timer. If the source timer expires when the state of the group or interface is in include mode, the record is removed.

IGMP Versions

Default IGMP Version

IGMPv2 is enabled by default when snooping or multicast routing are enabled on the system.

You can specify which version of IGMP you want to run on a device on a per-VLAN basis. You can change the IGMP version for router ports, but not for VE interfaces. If you do not specify an IGMP version, IGMPv2 is used.

Compatibility Between IGMPv1 and IGMPv2

Different multicast groups, interfaces, and routers can run their own versions of IGMP. The version of IGMP is reflected in the membership reports that the hosts send to the router. Routers and interfaces must be configured to recognize the version of IGMP you want them to process.

Interfaces can recognize a query or report that has a different version. For example, an interface running IGMPv2 can recognize IGMPv3 packets, but cannot process them. When the router sends out IGMP queries over an IGMPv2 interface, the equal or lower version of reports is supported. A higher version of reports is not supported.

Reports sent by interfaces to routers that contain different versions of IGMP do not trigger warning messages. The version of IGMP can be specified per interface (physical port or virtual routing interface) and per physical port in a virtual routing interface.

The IGMP version on a Layer 3 physical interface or under a VLAN of the virtual routing interface supersedes the version on a physical or virtual routing interface.

Change the IGMP Version

About This Task

You can change the IGMP version for a interface or VLAN.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter interface configuration mode.

```
device(config)# interface ethernet 0/5
```

3. Specify the IGMP version. This example changes the version to 3.

```
device(config-if-0/5)# ip igmp version 3
```

IGMP EVPN Routes

In data center (DC) applications, Ethernet VPN (EVPN) is used to standardize inter-PoD communication for both intra-DC and inter-DC applications.

A subnet can span multiple points of delivery (PoD) and DCs. EVPN provides a robust multitenant solution with extensive multihoming capabilities to stretch a subnet (VLAN) across multiple PoDs and DCs. Many hosts or VMs (up to several hundred) can be attached to a subnet that is stretched across several PoDs and DCs.

Hosts or VMs express their interest in multicast groups on a subnet or VLAN by sending IGMP membership reports (Joins) for their interested multicast groups. Also, an IGMP router (for example, IGMPv1) periodically sends membership queries to determine whether any hosts on that subnet still want to receive multicast traffic for that group.

The ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) and NDP (Network Discovery Protocol) suppression mechanism in EVPN reduces the flooding of ARP messages over EVPN. Reducing the flood of IGMP messages (both Queries and Reports) over EVPN is achieved through IGMP Join Sync and IGMP Leave Sync routes as specified in the IETF draft [IGMP and MLD Proxy for EVPN](#).

Table 5: EVPN routes

EVPN route type	Route name	Purpose
7	IGMP Join Sync Route	To exchange (S,G)/(*,G) learned on BGP EVPN peers.
8	IGMP Leave Sync Route	To exchange group leave between BGP EVPN peers.

IGMP Join Sync Route Packets and Flags

A multicast group is assigned a multicast address (that is, an IP address in the 224.0.0.0/4 class D address space). Hosts registered to receive the stream join the group by sending an IGMP report to the upstream multicast router. The router then adds that group to the list of multicast groups that should be forwarded onto the local subnet.

The router does not maintain state about which hosts on the subnet are to receive traffic for the group. Instead, the router continues to send traffic to the subnet until either a timeout expires or there are no more hosts in that group on the subnet.

Table 6: IGMP Join Sync route packets

Packets	Description
RD (8 Octets)	Route Distinguisher
Ethernet Segment Identifier (10 Octets)	0 if (S,G) / (*,G) is learned on Cluster Edge Port (CEP)
Ethernet Tag ID (4 octets)	0 or optionally set to the VLAN ID over which a multicast route is learned
Multicast Source Length (1 octet)	32 for IPv4 address and 0 for wildcard address (*)
Multicast Source Address (variable)	IP address of multicast source
Multicast Group Length (1 octet)	32 for IPv4 address
Multicast Group Address (variable)	IP address of multicast group
Originator Router Length (1 octet)	32 for IPv4 address
Originator Router Address (variable)	The IP address of the originating router
Flags (1 octets) (optional)	The flag fields are defined in the <i>Flags and values</i> table.

Table 7: Parameters

Parameter	Value
Querier Config Sync	Multicast Group is set to 224.0.0.2.
Mrouter Sync	Multicast Group is set to 224.0.0.1.

Table 7: Parameters (continued)

Parameter	Value
Originator router length	IPv4 addresses: 32
Originator router address	IP address of the originating router

Table 8: Flags and values

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Reserved	Querier config sync	Mrouter sync	PIM snooping	IE	V3	V2	V1
	Bit 1: QuerierConfigSync	Bit 2: MrouterSync	Bit 3: PIM snooping	Bit 4: (S, G) information carries the route-type of Include Group (bit value 0) or Exclude Group (bit value 1). The Exclude Group is ignored if bit 5 is set for IGMP v2, IGMP v1.	Bit 5: support for IGMP v3	Bit 6: support for IGMP v2	Bit 7: support IGMP v1
Bits 1, 2, and 3 are proprietary fields.							

IGMP Leave Sync Route Packets and Flags

A host sends an IGMP Leave message to stop receiving multicast traffic. After receiving the Leave message, the router sends a query to the local subnet to determine whether any group members remain, sending the message to all hosts on the subnet at the multicast All-Hosts address (224.0.0.1). If a host responds, the router continues to send to the group. If no host responds, the router removes the multicast group from its forwarding list and stops sending to the group.

**Note**

Leave Group synchronization and maximum response times are used during Leave Group procedures.

Table 9: IGMP Leave Sync route packets

Packets	Description
RD (8 Octets)	
Ethernet Segment Identifier (10 octets)	0 if (S,G) / (*,G) is learned on CEP
Ethernet Tag ID (4 octets)	0 or optionally, set to the VLAN ID over which the multicast route is learned
Multicast Source Length (1 octet)	32 for IPv4 address and 0 for wildcard address (*)
Multicast Source Address (variable)	IP address of multicast source
Multicast Group Length (1 octet)	32 for IPv4 address
Multicast Group Address (variable)	IP address of multicast group

Table 9: IGMP Leave Sync route packets (continued)

Packets	Description
Originator Router Length (1 octet)	32 for IPv4 address
Originator Router Address (variable)	The IP address of the originating router
Leave Group Synchronization # (4 octets)	Leave group synchronization
Maximum Response Time (1 octet)	The maximum response time
Flags (1 octets) (optional)	The flag fields are defined in the following table

Table 10: Flags

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	IE	V3	V2	V1
				Bit 4: (S, G) information carries the route-type of Include Group (bit value 0) or Exclude Group (bit value 1). The Exclude Group is ignored if bit 5 is set for IGMP v2, IGMP v1.	Bit 5: support for IGMP v3	Bit 6: support for IGMP v2	Bit 7: support for IGMP v1
Bits 0, 1, 2, and 3 are reserved and used.							

IGMP Join Group and Leave Group Process

IGMP routes are originated by IGMP module and are sent to L2RIB (MCT module) through RIB-LIB and transported to MCT Peers. IGMP Routes received from the remote peers are added to L2 RIB table in MCT and forwarded to IGMP through RIB-LIB.

Currently IGMP EVPN routes sent to MCT L2RIB are not exchanged with BGP. In future, this solution will be extended to support Multicast over BGP-EVPN, where MCT will exchange IGMP EVPN Routes with BGP and MCT Peers.

EVI Route Target Extended Community

The EVI RT is an EVPN extended community of Type 6 and a subtype yet to be defined by IANA. The EVI RT extended community is NOT supported for IGMP routes.

Instead, the RT extended community with Type 0x00 and Subtype 0x02 is supported. This extended community carries the RT associated with the EVI (VLAN or bridge domain), so that the receiving PE can identify the EVI properly.

ES-Import Route Target Extended Community

ES-Import (ES-I) Route Target (RT) is an EVPN extended community of Type 0x06 and Subtype 0x02. The 6-byte value calculated is based on the ES-Import.

The IGMP Join and Leave Sync routes carry the ES-Import RT for the ES on which the IGMP membership report was received. The report goes only to the PEs attached to that ES.

Encapsulation Support

Only the VXLAN tunnel encapsulation type is supported. MPLS is not supported for ICLs in MCT scenarios.

Disable the IGMP Router Alert Option

About This Task

By default, IGMP snooping checks for the presence of the router alert option in the IP packet header of an IGMP message. Packets that do not include this option are dropped. When you disable the router alert, you also disable the snooping check for the presence of the router alert option.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Disable the router alert option.

```
device(config)# ip igmp router-alert-check-disable
```

Configure IGMP SSM Mapping

About This Task

With Source-Specific Multicast (SSM) mapping, a host receives multicast traffic directly from identified sources.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter VLAN configuration mode.

```
device (config)# vlan 101
```

3. Configure the IGMP query interval for the VLAN.

```
device (config-vlan-101)# ip igmp snooping query-interval 101
```

4. Configure the prefix list, which contains the IP addresses to map.

```
device (config)# ip igmp ssm-map ?
Possible completions:
      <Word:1-32>      IP prefix-list name
      enable           Enables IGMPv2 SSM Mapping
```

5. Configure SSM mapping, which associates an IGMPv1 or IGMPv2 report packet with the configured source address, which is 203.0.0.1 in this example.

```
device (config-vlan-101)# ip igmp ssm-map enab
device (config-vlan-101)# ip igmp ssm-map prefix-list1 203.0.0.1
```

```

device (config-vlan-101)# show ip igmp ssm-map
Fri Jul 21 11:30:06.878 UTC-07:00
+-----+-----+-----+
| PrefixList Name | Source Address |
+-----+-----+-----+
| prefix-list1    | 203.0.0.1     |
+-----+-----+-----+

```

6. Specify the SSM group range, which is 238.0.0.0/8 in this example.

```

device (config-router-pim-vrf-default-vrf)# router pim
device (config-router-pim-vrf-default-vrf)# ssm-enable
device (config-router-pim-vrf-default-vrf)# ssm-enable range prefix-list1
device# show ip pim settings
Fri Jul 21 11:31:45.333 UTC-07:00
vrf : default-vrf
  Maximum mcache           : 32768      Current Count           : 0
  Hello interval           : 30         Neighbor timeout        : 105
  Join/Prune interval      : 60         Inactivity interval     : 180
  Hardware drop enabled    : 1          Prune wait interval     : 3
  Register Suppress Time   : 60         Register Probe Time     : 10
  Register Stop Delay      : 0          Register Suppress interval : 0
  SSM Enabled              : Yes        SPT Threshold           : 1
  SSM Group Range          : 232.0.0.0/8
  SSM Range Prefix_name    : prefix-list1
  Route Precedence         : uc-non-default uc-default none

```

Example

This example sends an IGMPv2 report for group 238.0.0.1.

```

device # show ip igmp group
Total Number of Groups: 1
IGMP Connected Group Membership
Group Address   Interface      Uptime    Expires    Last Reporter  Version
238.0.0.1      vlan101       00:04:40  00:03:31  101.0.0.10     3
  Member Ports: eth0/2

device # show ip igmp group detail
Group : 238.0.0.1
  Interface      vlan101
  Uptime         00:04:53
  Expires:       00:03:18
  Last Reporter: 101.0.0.10
  Member Ports:  eth0/2
  Last Reporter Mode: 3
  Interface : eth0/2
    INCL_SRC_LIST: 203.0.0.1
    EXCL_SRC_LIST: Nil

device # show ip pim mc
Fri Jul 21 11:58:17.278 UTC-07:00
Total entries in mcache: 1
1  (203.0.0.1, 238.0.0.1) in Eth 0/16, Uptime 00:05:23
   SSM=1, RPT=0 SPT=1 Reg=0 RegSupp=0 RegProbe=0 JDUUp=1 LSrc=0 LRcv=1
   upstream neighbor=91.0.0.2
   AgeSlTmSk: 0 KAT timer: Expired
   num_oifs = 1
     Ve101(00:05:23/0) Flags: MI
   Flags (0x080684d4)
     ssm=1 needRte=0

```

Configure IGMPv2 SSM Mapping

About This Task

Source-Specific Multicast (SSM) requires all IGMP hosts to send IGMPv3 reports, which creates a compatibility issue with IGMPv2 hosts. In particular, reports from an IGMPv2 host contain a Group Multicast Address but do not contain source addresses. The IGMPv3 reports contain both the Group Multicast Address and one or more source addresses. Use the **ip igmp ssm-map** command and a properly configured prefix list to convert IGMPv2 reports into IGMPv3 reports.

The prefix list filters for the group multicast address. The prefix list is then associated with one or more source addresses. When the **ip igmp ssm-map enable** command is configured, IGMPv3 reports are sent for IGMPv2 hosts.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enable SSM mapping.

```
device(config)# ip igmp ssm-map enable
```

Example

This example configures the SSM map at the global configuration level.

```
device(config)# ip igmp ssm-map enable
device(config)# ip igmp ssm-map ssm-map-230-to-232 203.0.0.10
device(config)# ip igmp ssm-map ssm-map-233-to-234 204.0.0.10
```

Example

This example configures the prefix list for an SSM range.

```
device(config)# ip prefix-list ssm-map-230-to-232 seq 5 permit 230.0.0.0/8
device(config)# ip prefix-list ssm-map-230-to-232 seq 10 permit 231.0.0.0/8
device(config)# ip prefix-list ssm-map-230-to-232 seq 15 permit 232.0.0.0/8

device(config)# ip prefix-list ssm-map-233-to-234 seq 5 permit 233.0.0.0/8
device(config)# ip prefix-list ssm-map-233-to-234 seq 10 permit 234.0.0.0/8
device(config)# ip prefix-list ssm-map-230-to-232 seq 15 permit 232.0.0.0/8
```

IPv4 Protocol Independent Multicast

IP multicast transmits a data stream to multiple hosts simultaneously. Protocol-Independent Multicast (PIM) is one of several protocols designed for IP multicast. PIM does not rely on a specific routing protocol to create its network topology state. Instead, PIM uses routing information supplied by other traditional routing protocols, such as Open Shortest Path First, Border Gateway Protocol, and Multicast Source Discovery Protocol.

PIM messages are sent encapsulated in an IP packet where the IP protocol is 103. Depending on the type of message, packets are sent to the PIM All-Router-Multicast address (224.0.0.13) or sent as unicast to a specific host.

With PIM, a source sends the same information to multiple receivers by using one stream of traffic. With its processing load minimized, the source needs to maintain only one session irrespective of the number

of actual receivers. The load on the IP network is also minimized, because packets are sent only on links that lead to an interested receiver.

Extreme Networks supports PIM-SM (Sparse Mode) and PIM-SSM (Source Specific Multicast). PIM-SM explicitly builds unidirectional shared trees that are rooted at a rendezvous point (RP) for a group, and, optionally, creates shortest-path trees per source.

IPv4 PIM Over Secondary Addresses

Overview

Extreme devices support PIM over secondary addresses in an IPv4 environment by using an IPv4 address with a secondary keyword.

When a secondary address is configured on a interface, all secondary addresses on the interface are sent out on the PIM Hello using the secondary address option.

When a receiver uses a secondary address as its source and sends a IGMP group report, the PIM Join and Prune messages are propagated up the network.

When a secondary address is configured as a Rendezvous Point (RP), the packets are processed appropriately.

Displaying the Secondary Address

In this example, the PIM neighbor on VE10 has multiple IP addresses configured on the interface.

```
device# show ip pim neighbor
Total Number of Neighbors : 1
Port      Phy_Port      Neighbor      Holdtime Age      UpTime      Priority
sec       sec              Dd HH:MM:SS
Ve10      Ve10            10.10.10.17   105      10      00:26:10     1
          +20.20.20.21
```

IPv4 PIM-SM

PIM-SM (Sparse Mode) is most effective in large networks in which few hosts receive multicast traffic. IPv4 PIM-SM devices are organized into domains. A PIM-SM domain is a contiguous set of devices that all implement PIM and are configured to operate in a common boundary.

In PIM-SM, unidirectional, shared distribution trees are rooted at a common node in the network called the rendezvous point (RP). The RP acts as the messenger between the source and the destination hosts or routers. An RP is configured statically per PIM router or by means of a bootstrap router (BSR). The RP must always be upstream from the destination hosts or routers.

Hosts and routers send Join messages to the RP for the group. To reduce the number of Join messages incoming to an RP, the local network selects one of its upstream routers as the designated router (DR). All hosts below a DR send Join messages to the DR. The DR sends only one Join message to the RP on behalf of its interested hosts.

IPv4 PIM-SM, you can create a source-based distribution tree, which is rooted at the router that is adjacent to the source. With this option, destination hosts can switch from the shared tree to the source-based tree if the latter has a shorter path between the source and the destination.

PIM-SM Device Types

Devices configured with PIM-SM interfaces can fill one or more roles.

Bootstrap router (BSR)

A router that distributes rendezvous point (RP) information to the other PIM-SM devices in the domain. Each PIM-SM domain has one active BSR. For redundancy, you can configure ports on multiple devices as candidate BSRs (C-BSRs). PIM-SM uses an election process to select one C-BSR as the BSR for the domain. The BSR with the highest BSR priority (a user-configurable parameter) is elected. If the priorities result in a tie, then the C-BSR interface with the highest IP address is elected.

The BSR must be configured as part of the Layer 3 core network.

For more information, see [Bootstrap Router Protocol](#) on page 24.

Rendezvous point (RP)

The meeting point for PIM-SM sources and receivers. A PIM-SM domain can have multiple RPs, but each PIM-SM multicast group address can have only one active RP. PIM-SM devices learn the addresses of RPs and the groups for which they are responsible from messages that the BSR sends to each PIM-SM device.

The RP must be configured as part of the Layer 3 core network.

A best practice is to configure the same ports as C-BSRs and RPs.

Designated router (DR)

Hosts and routers send Join messages to the RP for the group in which they are interested. The local network selects one of its upstream routers as the DR. All hosts below a DR send IGMP Join messages to the DR. The DR sends only one Join message to the RP on behalf of all its interested hosts. The RP receives the first few packets of the multicast stream, encapsulated in the PIM register message, from the source hosts. These messages are sent as a unicast to the RP. The RP decapsulates these packets and forwards them to the respective DRs.

DR election is based first on the router with the highest configured DR priority for an interface and next on the router with the highest IP address. You can use the **ip pim dr-priority** command to configure DR priority.

Bootstrap Router Protocol

In PIM-SM, every PIM router must know the rendezvous point (RP) in the network, so that it can map multicast groups to the available RP addresses. The Bootstrap Router (BSR) Protocol is a mechanism by which a PIM router learns the RP information.

An RP address is the root of a multicast group-specific distribution tree, the branches of which extend to all the nodes interested in receiving the traffic for that multicast group. All PIM routes use the same group-to-RP address mapping, allowing multicast sources to reach all receivers. Each node learns the same RP information using the following methods.

- Statically configuring the RP information on each PIM router
- Using the BSR protocol, which distributes the RP information to each PIM router

Some PIM routers act as candidate RPs (C-RPs), of which one C-RP is elected as RP for a particular group range. Some PIM routers are configured as candidate BSRs (C-BSRs), of which one is elected as the BSR. All PIM routers learn the elected BSR through bootstrap messages (BSMs). All C-RPs then report to the elected BSR, which forms the RP-set available in the network and distributes it to all the PIM routers. All PIM routers eventually have the same RP-set information.

The BSR protocol mechanism converges in the following phases.

- BSR election
- Candidate RP advertisement and RP-set formation
- RP-set distribution

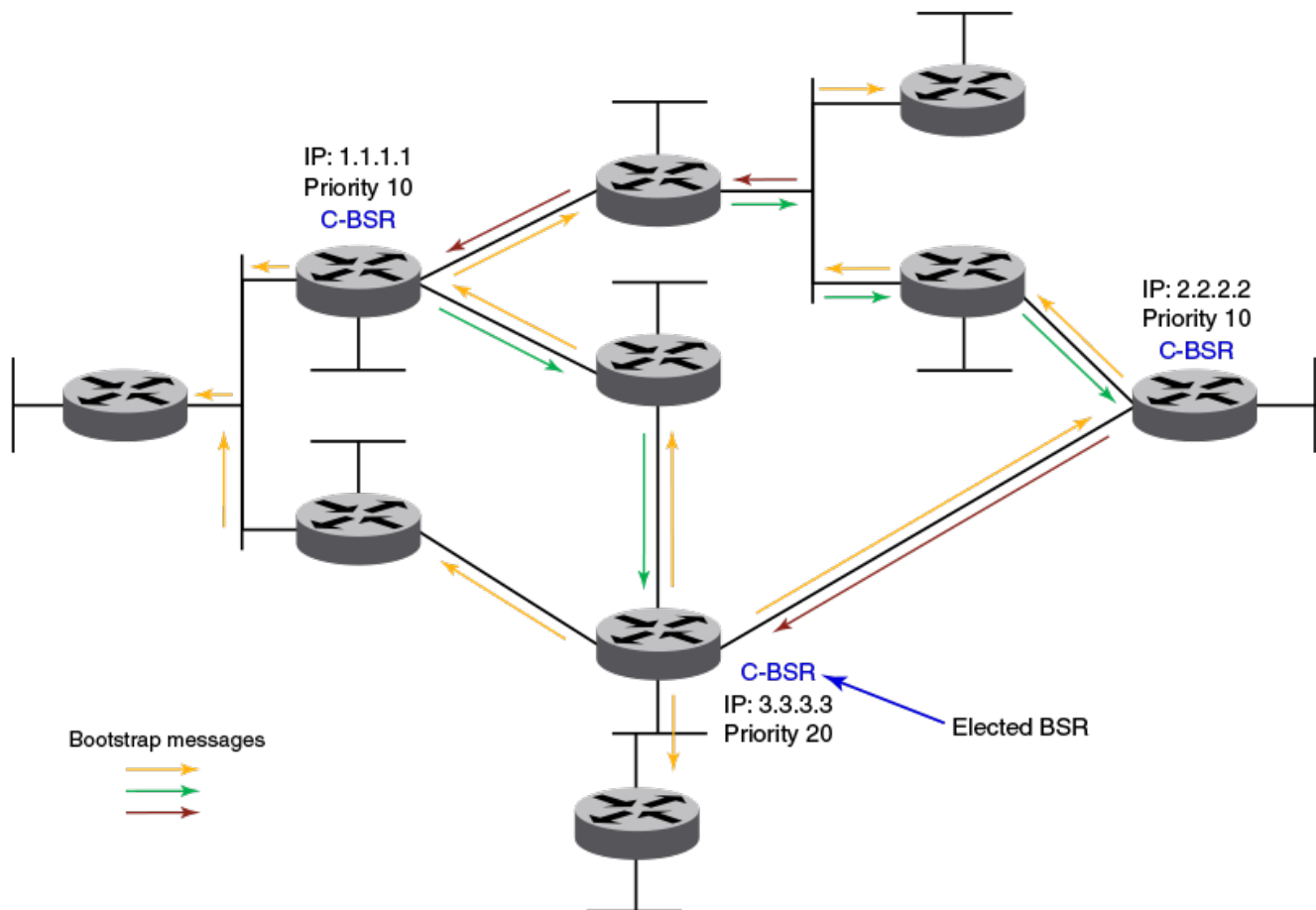


Figure 1: BSR election

Each candidate BSR periodically generates a BSM, which carries the configured BSR priority. Every PIM router in the domain floods these BSMs. Other C-BSRs that receive a BSM with higher priority suppress their own BSMs. Eventually, there is only one C-BSR with BSMs that flood periodically into the network. This lone C-BSR becomes the elected BSR and its BSM informs all routers that it is the elected BSR.

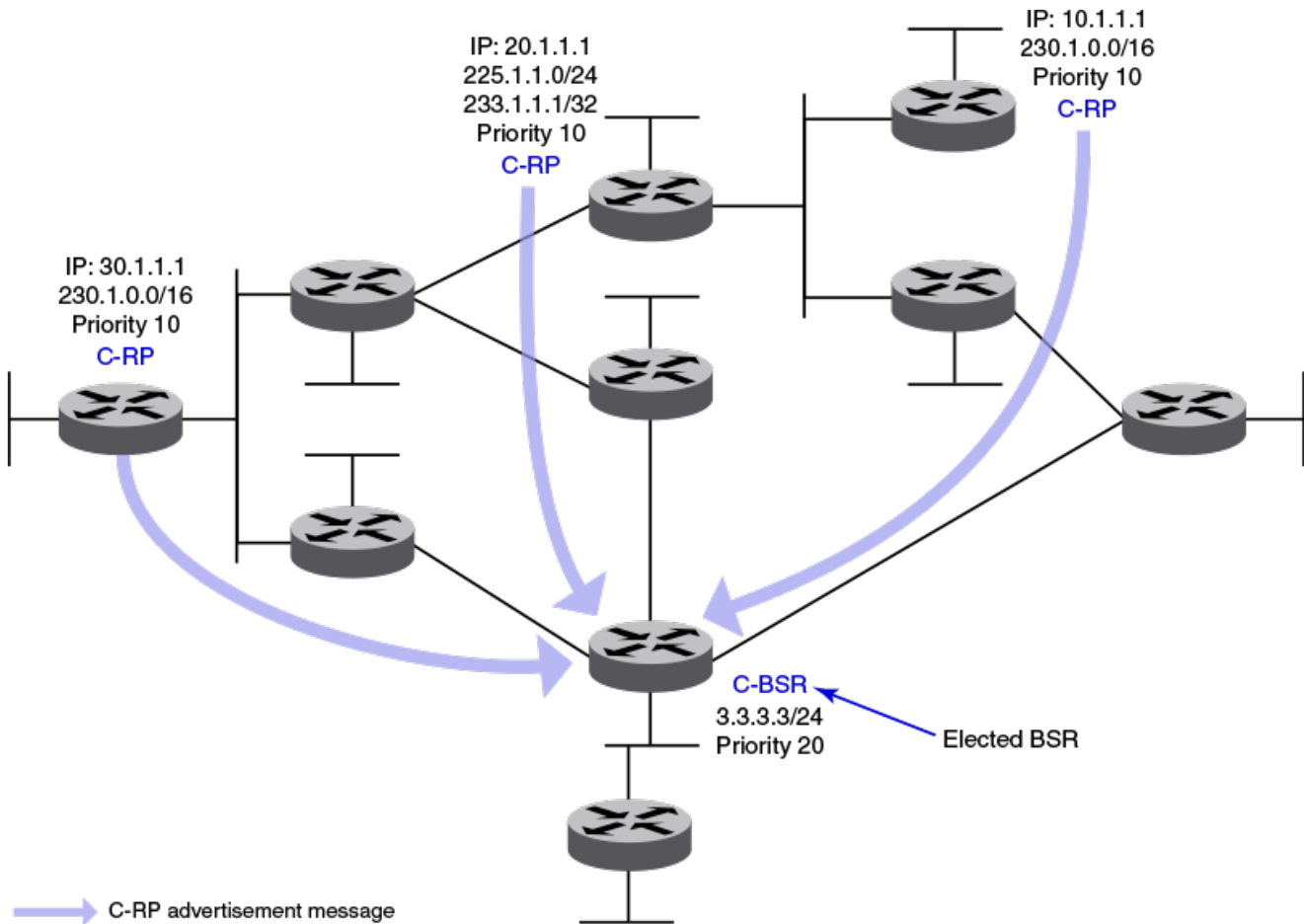


Figure 2: Candidate RP advertisement and RP-set formation

Each C-RP sends periodic candidate RP advertisement (C-RP-Adv) messages to the elected BSR. These messages contain the candidate's priority and a list of multicast group ranges for which this C-RP wants to act as RP. The messages also carry a hold time, after which the BSR discards this C-RP. In this way, the elected BSR learns about all C-RPs that are up and reachable. When the BSR starts receiving C-RP advertisements, it builds the RP-set information. This RP-set contains the list for multicast group ranges and C-RP addresses available for each of these group ranges, along with their respective priorities and hold times.

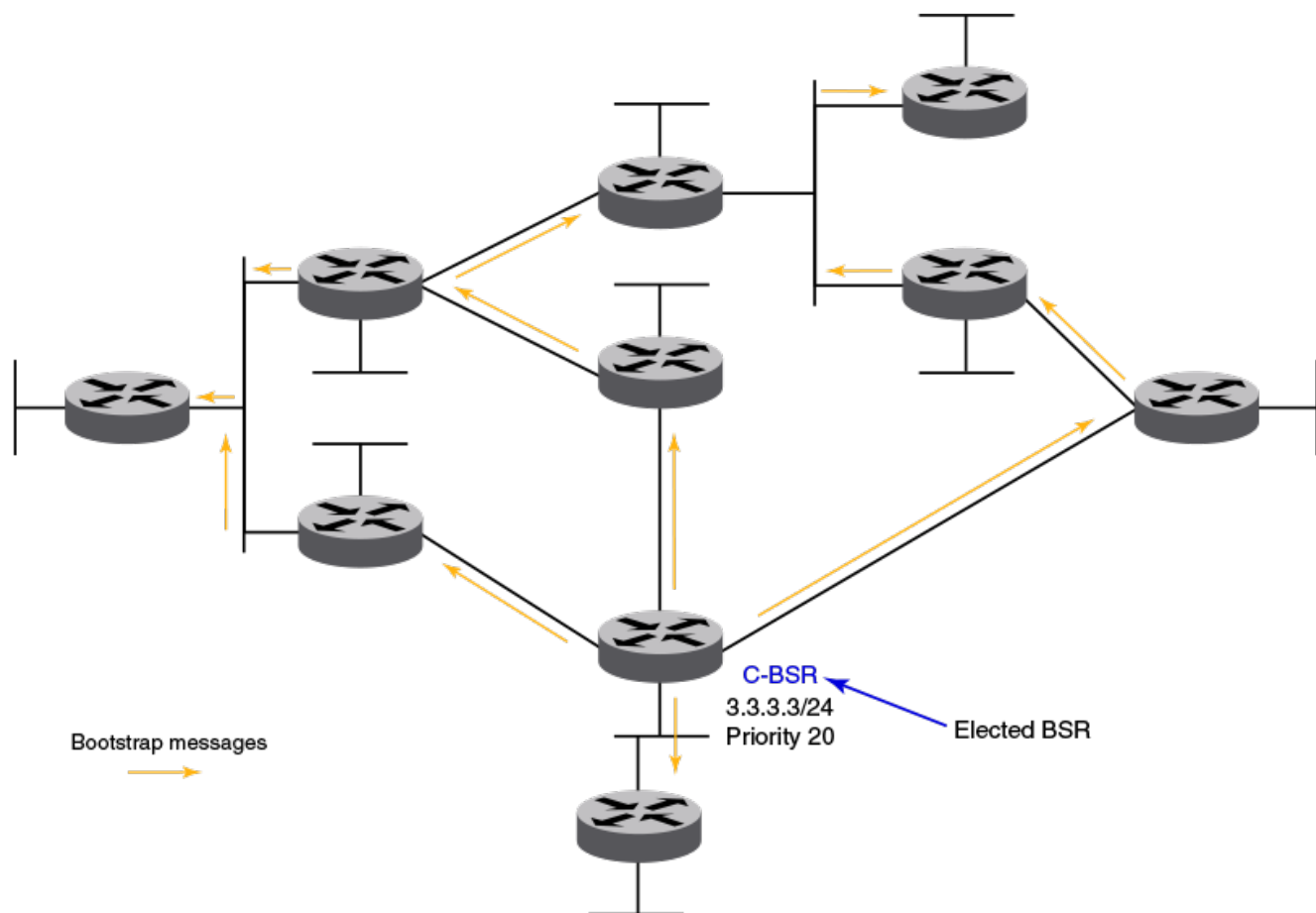


Figure 3: RP-set distribution

The RP-set built by the BSR is sent through the same BSM message. Because these BSMs are flooded, the RP-set information rapidly reaches each PIM router. When a PIM router receives the RP-set, it adds all group-to-RP mappings to its pool of mappings, also created from static RP configurations. Every PIM router runs the same RP hash algorithm to ensure the same C-RP is elected for a particular multicast group throughout the domain. In this way, all PIM routers can build the multicast group-specific distribution tree rooted to the same RP.

BSR Timers and Values

The BSR mechanism uses timers to ensure that the protocol provides reliability and faster convergence. These timers can be configured.

Timer	Default value	Description
Bootstrap message interval	60 seconds	The interval after which a BSM is generated by a BSR.
Bootstrap timeout	130 seconds	The interval after which a BSR times out if no BSM is received from it.
Bootstrap minimum interval	10 seconds	The minimum interval after which a BSR should send a BSM.

Timer	Default value	Description
C-RP mapping expiry timer	From message	Hold time from a C-RP advertisement message. The hold time for C-RP is 2.5 times the RP advertisement interval.
RP mapping expiry timer	From message	Hold time from BSM.
Candidate RP advertisement interval	60 seconds	The interval after which a C-RP generates an advertisement message to the BSR.

RP Election Algorithm (Group-to-RP Hashing)

The RP-set information received from the BSR is stored locally and updated by each PIM router periodically upon receiving BSMs. This RP-set contains the list for group prefixes and the corresponding list for C-RP for each group prefix.

The following steps explain the RP election process for a multicast group address.

1. A longest match look-up is performed on all the group prefixes in the RP-set.
2. If the look-up finds more than one C-RP, the C-RP with the lowest priority is elected.
3. If more than one C-RP has the same lowest priority, the BSR hash function is used to elect the RP.
4. If the hash functions return the same hash value for more than one C-RP, the C-RP with the highest IP address is elected.

Loopback Interfaces as RPs

Because loopback interfaces are operationally always up, it is preferable to use them as RPs. All existing PIM-SM protocol features are supported on loopback interfaces. Layer 3-enabled loopback interfaces can act as static RPs or candidate-RPs. They can also be configured as candidate-BSRs.

PIM-SM and PIM-SSM for Layer 3 Multicast Over MCT

Overview

PIM Sparse Mode (PIM-SM) and PIM Source Specific Multicast (PIM-SSM) are supported without synchronizing PIM-SM or PIM-SSM states across the multichassis tunnel (MCT) cluster.

The PIM snooping mechanism snoops the Join and Prune messages that are exchanged in the MCT VLANs and learns the interested VLAN member interfaces. Optimal traffic forwarding is achieved with PIM snooping states synchronized between the MCT peers, using the BGP EVPN Join Sync method.

The Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF) check and L3 multicast route lookup are based on the unicast routing protocol running in the MCT cluster.

PIM-SM and PIM-SSM Behavior in MCT

PIM-SM and PIM-SSM can be enabled on VLAN router interfaces that are extended over MCT. These VE interfaces act as normal PIM routers, and converge just like any PIM router in an L3 domain. PIM-enabled VE interfaces on these MCT VLANs see each other as peers. They can exchange Join and Prune messages natively to form the L3 multicast forwarding tree over the interchassis link (ICL).

PIM-SM and PIM-SSM control traffic travels over the ICL link of the cluster, encapsulated with the tunnel encapsulation method used by MCT. For example MPLS/VxLAN.

For PIM-SM, any MCT node can be the rendezvous point (RP) and root of the shared multicast tree. This RP can be a PIM router on a VE interface for any extended VLAN, or it can be any other PIM-enabled L3 interface on the MCT node. Generally a PIM-enabled loopback interface performs the RP functionalities. All other functions of PIM are supported natively, such as FHR source registration, LHR thresholding and SPT switch-over, BSR protocol, and Anycast RP functionality.

Mrouter Detection and FHR Source Registration

The PIM Hello packet over ICL is snooped for multicast router (mrouter) detection. With this information, traffic from a directly connected multicast source in the MCT VLAN, which has a non-designated router (DR) PIM router interface, can forward on the ICL port that was learned as mrouter. The PIM-DR on the other MCT node can see the source traffic and perform the FHR functionality, which registers the multicast source with the RP.

Enable IPv4 PIM Globally

About This Task

The **router pim** command enables IPv4 PIM routing and enters PIM router configuration mode.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enable IPv4 PIM and enter router configuration mode.

```
device(config)# router pim
device(config-pim-router)#
```

Configure Options on an IPv4 PIM Router

About This Task

When IPv4 PIM is enabled globally, you can configure several PIM options for a router. The following steps configure the default VRF. To configure a specific VRF, see [Configure Options for IPv4 PIM Multi-VRF](#) on page 30.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter router configuration mode.

```
device(config)# router pim
device(config-router-pim-vrf-default-vrf)#
```

3. Run the following commands as needed.

- a. Configure the frequency with which a device sends PIM hello messages to its neighbors.

```
hello-interval 40
```

- b. Configure the length of time a PIM device waits for hello messages before considering a neighbor to be absent.

```
nbr-timeout 160
```

- c. Configure a bootstrap router as a candidate RP.

```
bsr-candidate interface loopback 11 mask 32
```

- d. Configure the length of time a PIM device waits to stop traffic after receiving a Leave message.

```
prune-wait 5
```

- e. Configure the frequency with which PIM Join and Prune messages are sent.

```
message-interval 180
```

- f. Configure sources to use the shared RP tree instead of the Shortest Path Tree.

```
spt-threshold infinity
```

- g. Configure sources to use the Shortest Path Tree instead of the shared RP tree.

```
no spt-threshold
```

- h. Enable Source-Specific Multicast mode for a specific address range

```
ssm-enable range PL_ssm_range-230-to-234
```

- i. Enable Source-Specific Multicast mode for the default address range of 232.0.0.0/8. This default range is displayed in the **show ip pim settings** output.

```
ssm-enable
```

Configure Options on an IPv4 PIM Interface

About This Task

When IPv4 PIM is enabled globally, you can configure PIM options for an interface (Ethernet, loopback, or VE).

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter device configuration mode.

```
device(config)# interface ethernet 0/1
```

3. Run the following commands as needed.

For more information, including examples, see the *Extreme SLX-OS Command Reference*.

- a. Enable IPv4 PIM on an interface.

```
device(conf-if-eth-0/1)# ip pim-sparse
```

- b. Specify the designated router (DR) priority of an IPv4 PIM interface.

```
device(conf-if-eth-0/1)# ip pim dr-priority 200
```

- c. Configure the Time to Live (TTL) threshold for an IPv4 PIM interface.

```
device(conf-if-eth-0/1)# ip pim ttl-threshold 50
```

Configure Options for IPv4 PIM Multi-VRF

About This Task

With multi-VRF (Virtual Routing and Forwarding) support, all Layer 3 multicast protocols operate as separate instances, per VRF, depending on the VRF-specific multicast configuration. All the required configuration and mcast routing tables have multiple instances, per VRF, and function simultaneously, allowing network paths to be segmented without using multiple routers.

Multi-VRF supports multiple instances of Layer 3 multicast protocols on the same router at the same time. When IPv4 PIM is enabled globally, you can configure various options for IPv4 multicast over multi-VRF, such as the rendezvous point and the PIM hello interval.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter router configuration mode for the VRF.

```
device(config)# router pim vrf red
device(config-router-pim-vrf-red)#
```

3. Run the following commands as needed.

For more information, including more examples, see the *Extreme SLX-OS Command Reference*.

- a. Configure a device interface as a rendezvous point (RP).

```
rp-address 100.1.1.1
```

- b. Configure a static RP from a group list.

```
rp-address 4.4.4.4 static-rp-list
```

- c. Configure Anycast RPs in multicast domains.

```
anycast-rp 100.1.1.1 anycast-rp-set
```

- d. Configure a bootstrap router as a candidate RP to distribute RP information.

```
bsr-candidate interface loopback 11 mask 32
```

- e. Configure the frequency with which a device sends PIM hello messages to its neighbors.

```
hello-interval 40
```

- f. Configure the frequency with which PIM Join and Prune messages are sent.

```
message-interval 180
```

- g. Configure the length of time a PIM device waits for hello messages before considering a neighbor to be absent.

```
nbr-timeout 160
```

- h. Configure the length of time a PIM device waits to stop traffic after receiving a Leave message.

```
prune-wait 5
```

- i. Configure a device as a candidate RP.

```
rp-candidate interface loopback 11
```

- j. Enable multicast ECMP load sharing with dynamic rebalancing.

```
rpf ecmp rebalance
```

- k. Enable Source-Specific Multicast mode for a specific address range.

```
ssm-enable range PL_ssm_range-230-to-234
```

Display IPv4 PIM Information

About This Task

You can use show commands to display information about the internal state of IPv4 PIM. You can run the commands from any level of the CLI. For more information, see the *Extreme SLX-OS Command Reference*.

Procedure

1. Display various PIM settings, such as Hello interval and route precedence.

```
device# show ip pim settings
Maximum mcache      : 24576      Current Count      : 0
Hello interval      : 30         Neighbor timeout    : 105
Join/Prune interval : 60         Inactivity interval : 180
Hardware drop enabled : 1         Prune wait interval : 3
Register Suppress Time : 60       Register Probe Time : 10
Register Stop Delay  : 0         Register Suppress interval : 0
SSM Enabled          : No        SPT Threshold       : 1
Route Precedence     : uc-non-default uc-default none
```

2. Display route entries in the multicast mcache table.

```
device# show ip pim mcache 50.1.1.101 230.1.1.1
IP Multicast Mcache Table
Entry Flags      : sm - Sparse Mode, ssm - Source Specific Multicast
                  RPT - RPT Bit, SPT - SPT Bit, LSrc - Local Source
                  LRcv - Local Receiver, RegProbe - Register In Progress
                  RegSupp - Register Suppression Timer, Reg - Register Complete
                  needRte - Route Required for Src/RP
Interface Flags: IM - Immediate, IH - Inherited, WA - Won Assert
                  MJ - Membership Join, BR - Blocked RPT, BA - Blocked Assert
                  BF - Blocked Filter
Total entries in mcache: 8
1  (50.1.1.101, 230.1.1.1) in Ve 40, Uptime 00:03:29
   Sparse Mode, RPT=0 SPT=1 Reg=0 RegSupp=0 RegProbe=0 LSrc=0 LRcv=1
   upstream neighbor=40.1.1.3
   num_oifs = 2
     Ve 2(00:03:29/181) Flags: IM
     Ve 10(00:03:29/0) Flags: MJ
   Flags (0x400784d1)
   sm=1 ssm=0 needRte=0
```

3. Display traffic statistics for PIM-enabled interfaces.

```
device# show ip pim traffic
Port      |HELLO  |JOIN   |PRUNE   |ASSERT  |GRAFT/REGISTER |REGISTER-STOP |BSR-MSGs  |RPC-MSGs  |
          |Rx     |Rx     |Rx      |Rx      |Rx              |Rx             |Rx         |
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
Ve10      54      0      0      0      0              0              0
0
Lo 1      0      0      0      0      0              0              0
0

device# show ip pim traffic
Port      |HELLO  |JOIN   |PRUNE   |ASSERT  |GRAFT/REGISTER |REGISTER-STOP |BSR-MSGs  |RPC-MSGs  |
          |Tx     |Tx     |Tx      |Tx      |Tx              |Tx             |Tx         |
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
Ve10      29      0      0      0      0              0              0
0
Lo 1      28      0      0      0      0              0              0
0
```

4. Display information about active PIM neighbors.

```
device(config)# show ip pim neighbor
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----
```


Port VRF	PhyPort	Neighbor Prio	Holdtime sec	T Bit	PropDelay msec	Override msec	Age sec	UpTime	
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----									
+-----+-----									
v2 vrf 1	e0/1	2.1.1.2	105	1	500	3000	0	00:44:10	default-
v4 vrf 1	e0/2	4.1.1.2	105	1	500	3000	10	00:42:50	default-
v5 vrf 1	e0/1	5.1.1.2	105	1	500	3000	0	00:44:00	default-
v22 vrf 1	e0/1	22.1.1.1	105	1	500	3000	0	00:44:10	default-
Total Number of Neighbors : 4									

5. Display information about the bootstrap router and the candidate RP.

```
device# show ip pim bsr
PIMv2 Bootstrap information for Vrf Instance : default-vrf
-----
This system is the Elected BSR
BSR address: 1.51.51.1. Hash Mask Length 32. Priority 255.
Next bootstrap message in 00:01:00
Configuration:
  Candidate loopback 2 (Address 1.51.51.1). Hash Mask Length 32. Priority 255.
Next Candidate-RP-advertisement in 00:01:00
  RP: 1.51.51.1
    group prefixes:
      224.0.0.0 / 4
  Candidate-RP-advertisement period: 60
```

6. Display information about the candidate RP and its group mappings.

```
device# show ip pim rp-candidate
Next Candidate-RP-advertisement in 00:00:10
  RP: 207.95.7.1
    group prefixes:
      224.0.0.0 / 4
  Candidate-RP-advertisement period: 60
```

Explicitly Select the IPv4 PIM Rendezvous Point

About This Task

With the PIM-SM election process, a backup RP automatically takes over if the active RP router becomes unavailable. However, you can explicitly select the RP, so that the device uses the selected RP for all group-to-RP mappings and overrides the set of candidate RPs supplied by the BSR.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter router PIM configuration mode.

```
device(config)# router pim
```

3. Specify the IP address of the RP.

```
device(config-pim-router)# rp-address 4.4.4.4
```

The command in this example identifies the device interface at IP address 4.4.4.4 as the RP for the PIM-SM domain. The device uses the specified RP and ignores group-to-RP mappings received from the BSR.

4. To configure static RP with specific group ranges, run the following commands.

```
device(config-pim-router)# rp-address 4.4.4.4 static-rp-list
device(config)# ip prefix-list static-rp-list permit 225.1.1.0/24
```

The following commands configure the RP candidate.

```
device(config-pim-router)# rp-candidate interface loopback 11
device(config-pim-router)# rp-candidate prefix my-rp-cand-list
device(config)# ip prefix-list my-rp-cand-list permit 226.1.1.0/24
device(config)# ip prefix-list my-rp-cand-list permit 228.1.1.0/24
```

IPv4 PIM Anycast RP

PIM Anycast RP (rendezvous point) provides load balancing and fast convergence to PIM RPs in an IPv4 multicast domain. The RP address of the Anycast RP is a shared address used among multiple PIM routers, known as PIM RP. The PIM RP routers create an Anycast RP set. Each router in the Anycast RP set is configured using two IP addresses: a shared RP address in their loopback address and a separate, unique IP address. The loopback address must be reachable by all PIM routers in the multicast domain. The separate, unique IP address is configured to establish static peering with other PIM routers and communication with the peers.

When the source is activated in a PIM Anycast RP domain, the PIM First Hop (FH) registers the source to the closest PIM RP. The PIM RP follows the same MSDP (Multicast Source Discovery Protocol) Anycast RP operation by decapsulating the packet and creating the (s,g) state. When there are external peers in the Anycast RP set, the router re-encapsulates the packet with the local peering address as the source address of the encapsulation. The router unicasts the packet to all Anycast RP peers. The re-encapsulation of the data register packet to Anycast RP peers ensures source state distribution to all RPs in a multicast domain.

The following example is a PIM Anycast-enabled network with 3 RPs and 1 PIM-FH router connecting to its active source and local receiver. Loopback 1 in RP1, RP2, and RP3 have the same IP address: 100.1.1.1. Each Loopback 2 in RP1, RP2, and RP3 has a separate IP address configured to communicate with their peers in the Anycast RP set.

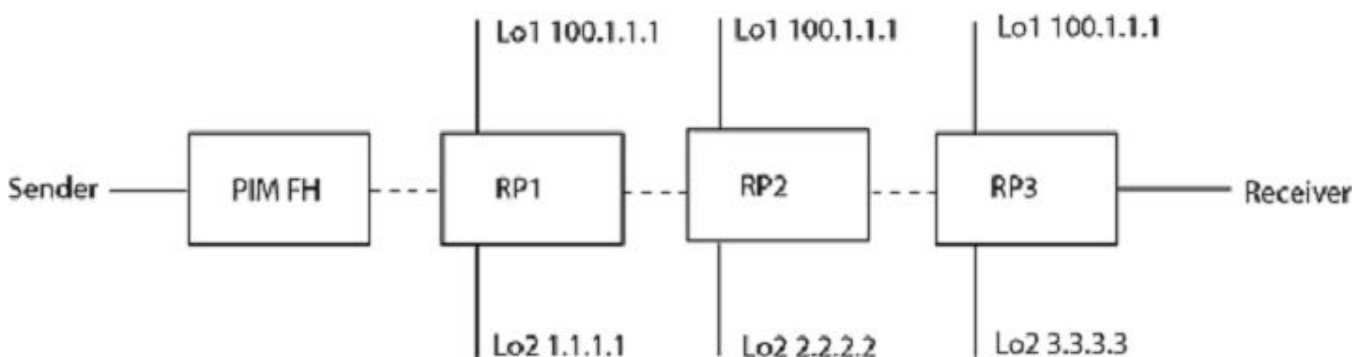


Figure 4: Example of a PIM Anycast RP network

Configure the IPV4 PIM Anycast RP

About This Task

The **anycast-rp** command maps the RP and the Anycast RP peers.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter router PIM configuration mode.

```
device(config)# router pim
```

3. Identify the RP address for the PIM-SM domain.

```
device(config-pim-router)# rp-address 100.1.1.1
```

4. Specify the Anycast RP, including the prefix list that identifies the Anycast peers that are configured with the same Anycast RP address, also called the Anycast RP set.

```
device(config-pim-router)# anycast-rp 100.1.1.1 anycast-rp-set
```

Example

The following is a configuration of PIM Anycast RP 100.1.1.1. The example avoids using the Loopback 1 interface when configuring PIM Anycast RP because the Loopback 1 address could be used as a router-id. A PIM First Hop router registers the source with the closest RP. The first RP that receives the register re-encapsulates the register to all other Anycast RP peers.

The RP shared address 100.1.1.1 is used in the PIM domain. IP addresses 1.1.1.1, 2.2.2.2, and 3.3.3.3 are listed in the ACL that forms the self-inclusive Anycast RP set. Multiple Anycast RP instances can be configured on a system, with each peer having the same or a different Anycast RP set.

```
device(config)# interface loopback 2
device(config-lbif-2)# ip address 100.1.1.1/24
device(config-lbif-2)# ip pim-sparse
device(config-lbif-2)# interface loopback 3
device(config-lbif-3)# ip address 1.1.1.1/24
device(config-lbif-3)# ip pim-sparse
device(config-lbif-3)# router pim
device(config-pim-router)# rp-address 100.1.1.1
device(config-pim-router)# anycast-rp 100.1.1.1 anycast-rp-set
device(config)# ip prefix-list anycast-rp-set permit 1.1.1.1/32
device(config)# ip prefix-list anycast-rp-set permit 2.2.2.2/32
device(config)# ip prefix-list anycast-rp-set permit 3.3.3.3/32
```

IPv4 Multicast ECMP Dynamic Rebalance

If there are multiple equal-cost paths between PIM routers to reach the source or the RP, the multicast RPF algorithms distribute the load across the available paths.

The following diagram shows a topology in which equal-cost multi-path (ECMP) support is not enabled. R1 through R11 have IP addresses in ascending order (R1 having the lowest IP address and R11 having the highest). All the routers are PIM-enabled routers. The links emanating from each router are ECMP links. The existing path usage is indicated in red. With the highest IP address neighbor chosen for the available ECMP paths, the multicast cache entries use only the R1-R4-R11-SRC path.

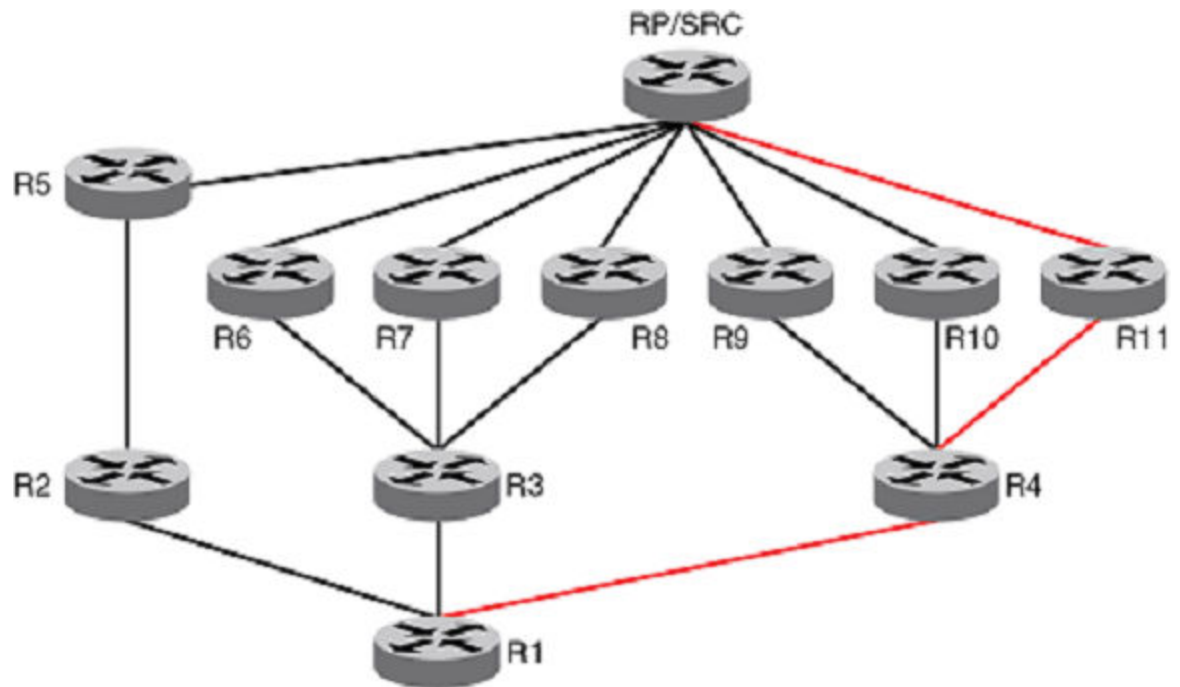


Figure 5: Path usage without multicast ECMP support

In the following figure, with the ECMP support turned on, the multicast entries are distributed among the equal-cost next hops as indicated in green for better usage of the available paths.

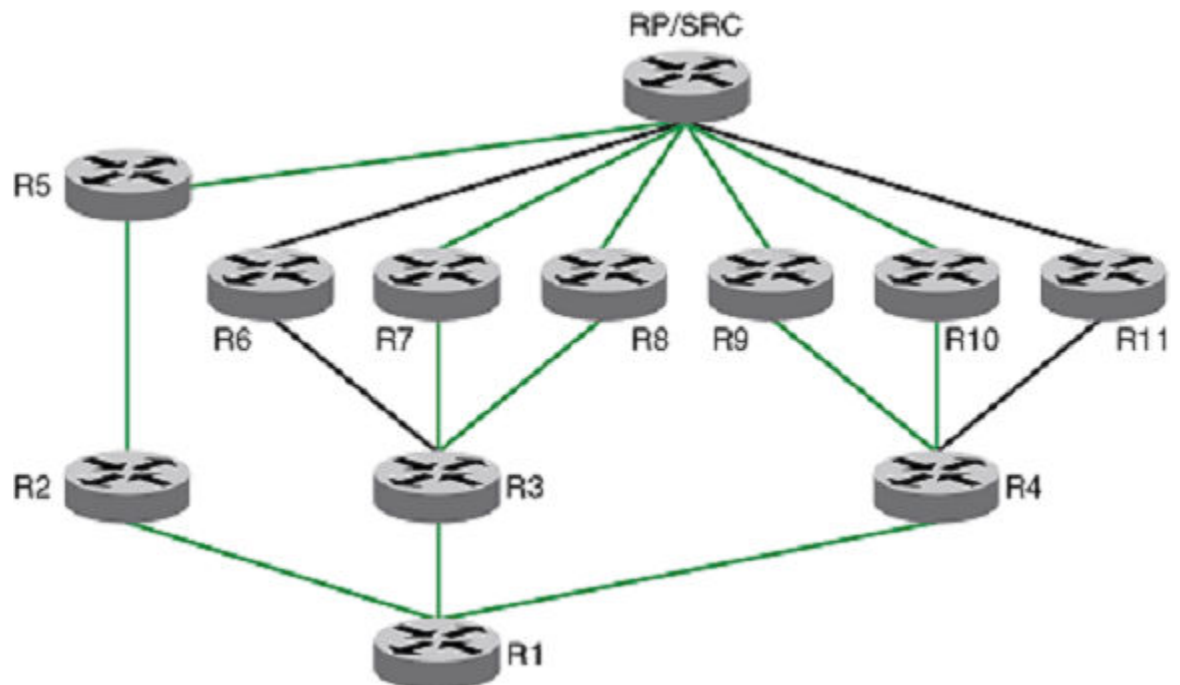


Figure 6: Path use with multicast ECMP support

The load distribution is achieved by distributing the multicast cache entries (*,G or S,G) to the available paths. Two methods are widely used to achieve this distribution.

- **Hash based:** Load splitting
- **Least-used path based:** Load balancing

Extreme devices support the hash-based method of load distribution for multicast ECMP.

Hash-based load distribution

Hash-based load distribution depends on a hash function to distribute the multicast cache entries. The S, G, next-hop addresses are hash function based. This method splits the cache entries by choosing a different RPF neighbor and splits the traffic. Load balancing is based on the distribution of the keys S, G, next-hop. This method of distribution is the least disruptive because the hashing redistributes only those cache entries that are affected during link flaps. Some paths may not be used for the distribution of the multicast entries. For example, for the ECMP paths from R3 to R6, R7 and R8, only paths R3 to R7 and R3 to R8 are used.

Path failure behavior

When an ECMP path is not operating, all the multicast entries using that path are redistributed among the other available paths.

New path behavior

When a new path is added to the ECMP set, there is no redistribution (default behavior without the rebalance option) of the cache entries. Here, optimal use of the paths is chosen in favor of not disturbing the existing flow. This method sometimes requires a full branch setup toward the source or RP of the multicast distribution tree. When a path flaps (stops and starts), the multicast entries that had been using this path do not use this path anymore. The situation worsens if a subset of paths stops operating and then starts up one path at a time. In this scenario, the only paths that carry all entries are the paths that did not flap.

Dynamic rebalancing

This option, which uses the hash method, rebalances the traffic immediately upon the addition of a new next-hop or path, and helps in new next-hop and path addition and path flap cases. There is less disruption in existing flows by using the hash method.

Considerations

The following considerations apply to the configuration of ECMP load balancing.

- Because the hash method is a load-splitting method, traffic load balancing is not supported.
- S-based and S,G-based hashing is not supported.
- The load-balancing effect due to load splitting the multicast entries is only a best effort. Splitting is actually based on the number of S, G flows, the number of next-hops, and the actual distribution of the S,G and the next-hop addresses.

- If the rebalancing is not configured, then link flap results in sub-optimal use of the ECMP links.
- Multicast ECMP and unicast ECMP both support 32 paths.

Enable ECMP Dynamic Rebalance

About This Task

ECMP dynamic rebalance enables hash-based distribution among the ECMP paths when a new next-hop is added.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter router PIM configuration mode.

```
device(config)# router pim
```

3. Enable ECMP load sharing with dynamic rebalance.

```
device(config-pim-router)# rpf ecmp rebalance
```

Multicast Traceroute Diagnostics

Multicast traceroute (mtrace) is a diagnostic tool that traces the multicast path from a specified destination to a source for a multicast group. It runs over the IGMP protocol.

The unicast traceroute program allows the tracing of a path from one device to another. The key mechanism for unicast traceroute is the ICMP TTL exceeded message, which is specifically excluded as a response to multicast packets. The mtrace facility allows the tracing of an IP multicast routing path. Mtrace also requires special implementations on the part of routers.

Mtrace uses any information available in the router to determine a previous hop to forward the trace toward the source. Multicast routing protocols vary in the type and amount of state they keep. Mtrace endeavors to work with all of them by using whatever is available. For example, if a PIM-SM router is on the (*,G) tree, mtrace chooses the parent toward the RP as the previous hop. In such a case, no source or group-specific state is available, but the path can still be traced.

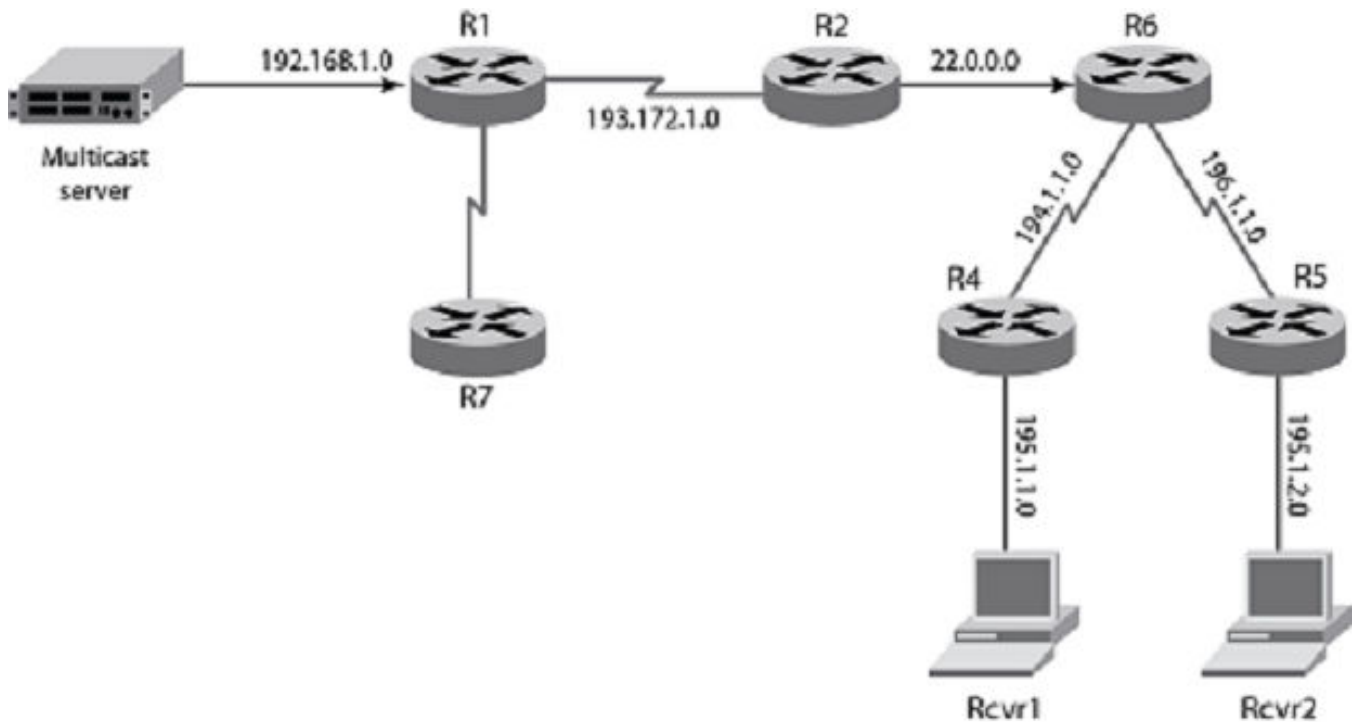


Figure 7: Network topology

Primary components of an mtrace implementation

Mtrace query

The party requesting the traceroute sends a traceroute query packet to the last-hop (LH) multicast router for the given destination. The query and request have the same opcode. The receiving router can distinguish between a query and a request by checking the size of the packet. A query is a request packet with none of the response fields filled up.

Mtrace request

The LH router changes the query packet into a request packet by adding a response data block containing its interface addresses and packet statistics. The LH router then forwards the request packet by unicast to the router that it believes is the proper previous hop for the given source and group. Each hop adds its response data to the end of the request packet, then forwards it by unicast to the previous hop.

Mtrace response

The first hop (FH) router is the router that believes that packets from the source originate on one of its directly connected networks. The FH router changes the packet type to a response packet and sends the completed response to the response destination address. The response may be returned before reaching the FH router if a fatal error condition, such as "no route," is encountered along the path.

Configure Mtrace

About This Task

Mtrace can be started on any router on the network.

Procedure

Enable mtrace and specify the source, destination, and group IP addresses.

```
SLX# mtrace source 10.1.1.2 destination 40.1.1.1 group 225.0.0.1

2020/01/17-06:48:37.451759 MTRACE.EVT: fwd code changed from MTRACE_NO_ERR to
2020/01/17-06:48:37.451828 MTRACE_NO_ERRSending mtrace query from src 10.1.1.2 to dest
40.1.1.1 through group 225.0.0.1

Collecting Statistics, waiting for 5 seconds.....

Type Control-c to abort
0          30.1.1.1          NONE          THRES          1  MTRACE_NO_ERR
1          15.1.1.2          NONE          THRES          1  MTRACE_NO_ERR
2          10.1.1.1          NONE          THRES          1  MTRACE_REACHED_RP
```

Topology:

```
SRC-(10.1.1.2)------(10.1.1.1)--R1(FHR)--(15.1.1.1)------(15.1.1.2)--R2--(30.1.1.2)------(30.1.1.1)--
R3(LHR)--(40.1.1.1)------(40.1.1.2)--HOST
```

In this example the destination IP is 40.1.1.1, the source IP is 10.1.1.2, and the group IP is 225.0.0.1. The mtrace query is sent from R3 to R2. The initial header is not modified by any of the routers. R2 adds a response block based on the (S, G) or the (*, G) entry, adds its incoming interface, outgoing interface, and other information, and sends it to its upstream neighbor. The process continues until the query reaches the First Hop Router (FHR), which is R1. R1 then determines that it is the FHR, completes the response block, and sends the response back to R3. R3 reads the information from the packet and prints it out.

Layer 2 Multicast Over MCT

SLX-OS devices support Layer 2 multicast control packets over multichassis trunks (MCT). Multicast state information is synchronized between MCT peers using MP-BGP EVPN transport. Multicast protocol packets are sent on the peer link only when required.

Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) protocol packets are of three types.

- **IGMP Query:** General query and Group-specific query
- **IGMP Report:** Version 1, Version 2, and Version 3 Membership reports. In a report, the multicast address field contains the specific multicast address to which the sender is listening.
- **IGMP Leave:** Version 2 group leave

Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) protocol packets are of 4 types.

- PIM hello
- PIM join/prune
- BSR and candidate-RP advertisements
- RP registration & null-registration

IGMP Query Packet Processing

Each EVI is associated with a multicast group ID (MGID) that is BUM-suppressed (Broadcast, unknown-unicast and multicast). However, query packets need to be transmitted on an interchassis link (ICL) to address the following scenarios.

- The querier connected to only one of the MCT peer switches is the elected querier.
- Only one of the peer switches is configured as a querier.
- The switch ages out IGMP routes if memberships are not confirmed during the timeout interval. Although query packets are received on the MCT peer link, the mrouter port is not learned or considered on that peer link.

IGMP Membership Reports

- Traditionally, each peer switch learns about Layer 2 multicast memberships by snooping the IGMP membership reports. The membership reports are then flooded on multicast router (mrouter) ports.
- For MCT, because an mrouter port is not learned on the peer link, membership reports are not flooded between the peer switches. Peer switches exchange learned routes by using EVPN NLRI messages between Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) peers running on the MCT cluster control VLAN.
- MCT module (L2RIB) which handles the exchange of information across MCT cluster, communicates Multicast routes to Multicast module.
- If a general query or group-specific query is received from any port other than a peer link, each peer switch generates a proxy report for the IGMP routes learned across MCT.

Duplicate IGMP Query Packets on CCEP

If a query is configured on both MCT peers of a member VLAN, duplicate query packets reach clients that are connected to the MCT domain by means of a Cluster Client Edge Port (CCEP) or Cluster Edge Port (CEP).

Same BGP EVPN IGMP Join Sync Route is used to exchange IGMP Querier configuration on the member VLANs. Only one MCT Peer per VLAN is elected as IGMP Querier based on higher MCT Peer IP address.

IGMP Leave

When fast-leave is not configured and an MCT peer receives a leave membership report from one of its clients for group G, the switch or router informs other MCT peers about the group-specific query and latency by using Leave Sync Route. The peer switch, which runs the querier, sends group-specific queries and group queries to the local VLAN ports.

Mrouter Synchronization

Mrouter synchronization helps in achieving optimal path selection for unknown multicast traffic and optimal MP-BGP message exchange between MCT peers. Mrouter port information is synchronized to MCT Peer using the same BGP EVPN IGMP Join Sync route. For Mrouter detection on CCEP client port, the traffic is forwarded based on Local Bias forwarding behavior. For all CEP Mrouter ports learnt, only one Sync is used, first add and last delete, unlike CCEP Mrouter ports which is per Client ESI.

Device Support

Extreme Networks supports Layer 2 multicast over MCT on the following devices:

- SLX 9540
- SLX 9640
- SLX 9150
- SLX 9250

Layer 2 Multicast Traffic Forwarding

When a receiver connected on a Cluster Client Edge Port (CCEP) sends a membership report to join group G, the election of the designated forwarder (DF) for the CCEP and MGID prevents duplication of multicast data packets destined to group G on CCEP and on the peer link.

DF election is always honored for programming receivers on CCEP in the multicast group ID (MGID). However, the path given by DF election may not be optimal, because it might direct the multicast data traffic originating at one peer switch to a receiver on CCEP over the peer link, even though (*,G) membership does not include the Cluster Edge Port (CEP) on the peer switch that does not host the source.

Optimal Traffic Forwarding

When a group is learned over member VLANs, the DF for the IGMP route is elected by hashing on the IVID parameter of the member VLAN, Source-IP, and Group-IP.

The OIF (outgoing interface) list of the IGMP route on the DF includes the following.

- Receivers connected through CCEP
- Interchassis link (ICL), if its multichassis trunk (MCT) peer has receivers connected through CEP
- Receivers connected through local CEP

The OIF list of the IGMP routes on the non-DF includes the following.

- ICL to redirect the multicast stream to the DF of the stream
- Receivers connected through CEP

Layer 2 Multicast Data Encapsulation

Data encapsulation of Layer 2 multicast from CEP and CCEP received on a member VLAN is similar to that for Layer 2 flooding traffic.

Local forwarding occurs in the following scenarios.

- The Cluster Edge Port (CEP) is not operating.
- The remote Cluster Client Edge Port (CCEP) is not operating.
- The ingress is the CEP.
- The ingress is a different CCEP.

Local forwarding does not occur in the following scenarios.

- The local CCEP is not operating.
- The ingress is the interchassis link (ICL).

Layer 3 Multicast over MCT

Device Support

Extreme Networks supports Layer 3 multicast over MCT on the following devices:

- SLX 9540
- SLX 9640
- SLX 9150
- SLX 9250



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IGMP Traffic Snooping

A Layer 2 switch forwards all multicast control packets and data received on all the member ports of a VLAN interface. This simple approach is not bandwidth efficient, because only a subset of member ports may be connected to devices that want to receive these multicast packets.

In a worst-case scenario, the data is forwarded to all port members of a VLAN, even if only one VLAN member is interested in receiving the data. Such scenarios can lead to loss of throughput for switches that receive a high rate of multicast data traffic.

IGMP snooping is a mechanism by which a Layer 2 device can effectively address the issue of inefficient multicast forwarding to VLAN port members. Snooping involves "learning" forwarding states for multicast data traffic on VLAN port members from the IGMP control (join and leave) packets received on them. The Layer 2 device also provides for a way to configure forwarding states statically through the CLI.

Multicast Routing and IGMP Snooping

Multicast routers use IGMP snooping to learn which groups have members on their attached physical networks. A multicast router keeps a list of multicast group memberships for each attached network and a timer for each membership. In a multicast group membership, at least one member of a multicast group on an attached network is available.

Hosts join multicast groups in one of the following ways.

- By sending an unsolicited IGMP join request
- By sending an IGMP join request in response to a general query from a multicast router

In response to the request, the host creates an entry in its Layer 2 forwarding table for that VLAN. When other hosts send join requests for the same multicast, the device adds them to the existing table entry. Only one entry is created per VLAN in the Layer 2 forwarding table for each multicast group.

VLANs can be configured as snooping only or routing with snooping. When Layer 3 multicast routing is enabled on a VE, snooping for the underlying VLAN is enabled implicitly. Both explicit and implicit snooping can be enabled on a VLAN. Implicit snooping is the default. When explicit snooping is disabled on a VE that has routing enabled, snooping reverts back to implicit snooping. This does not change the functionality, but only removes the configuration.

When routing is disabled on a VE where explicit snooping is configured, the routing side of the programming stops and the snooping side of the programming takes over. When routing is enabled, the Layer 3 IGMP querier takes precedence on that VLAN. When routing is disabled and the snooping querier is configured, then the snooping querier takes effect.

Enable IGMP Snooping on a VLAN

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter VLAN configuration mode.

```
device(config)# vlan 1  
device(config-vlan-1)#
```

3. Enable IGMP snooping.

```
device(config-vlan-1)# ip igmp snooping enable
```

Configure IGMP Snooping on a VLAN

About This Task

Use IGMP snooping in a VLAN when PIM is not configured. The IGMP snooping querier sends IGMP queries to trigger IGMP responses from devices that are to receive IP multicast traffic. The IGMP snooping querier listens for these responses to map the appropriate forwarding addresses.



Note

The IGMP snooping querier is suspended if Layer 3 IGMP is enabled on any of the cluster nodes.

Procedure

1. Access global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter VLAN configuration mode.

```
device(config)# vlan 25
```

3. Specify the IGMP query interval for the VLAN.

```
device(config-vlan-25)# ip igmp snooping query-interval 125
```

The valid range is from 1 through 18000 seconds. The default is 125 seconds.

4. Specify the last member query interval.

```
device(config-vlan-25)# ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval 1000
```

The valid range is from 1000 through 25500 milliseconds. The default is 1000 milliseconds.

5. Configure the static mrouter port.

```
device(config-vlan-25)# ip igmp snooping mrouter interface ethernet 0/2
```

6. Configure a static IGMP group.

```
device(config-vlan-25)# ip igmp snooping static-group 225.0.0.1 interface ethernet 0/15
```

7. Configure the IGMP version.

```
device(config-vlan-25)# ip igmp snooping version v3
```

**Note**

Version 2 is enabled by default. When you change the version, existing static or dynamic groups are deleted. These groups are relearned when the next query is sent.

8. Activate the IGMP snooping querier functionality for the VLAN.

```
device(config-vlan-25)# ip igmp snooping querier enable
```

**Note**

The IGMP snooping querier and the static mrouter can be configured together on a VLAN interface.

Configure IGMP Snooping on a Bridge Domain

About This Task

A bridge domain is a set of different types of service endpoints, such as pseudowire and VxLAN tunnel, grouped into one broadcast domain that allows any-to-any bridging. IGMP snooping on a bridge domain learns the multicast group on specific ports that are associated with the bridge domain.

IGMP snooping traps the IGMP control packets and programs the hardware entries with learned multicast groups and a list of interested ports that are part of the bridge domain.

When multicast traffic comes from a source, the traffic is sent to the interested receivers instead of flooding the multicast traffic on all ports of the bridge domain. IGMP on the bridge domain internally works the same as it works on a VLAN. A bridge domain contains logical interfaces (LIFs), so the corresponding multicast groups contain the LIFs as the outgoing interfaces.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter bridge domain configuration mode.

```
device(config)# bridge-domain 10  
device(config-bridge-domain-10)#
```

3. Run the following commands as needed.

For more information, including examples, see the *Extreme SLX-OS Command Reference*.

- a. Enable IGMP snooping on a bridge domain.

```
ip igmp snooping enable
```

- b. Enable the IGMP querier on a bridge domain.

```
ip igmp snooping querier enable
```

- c. Specify the IGMP version on a bridge domain.

```
ip igmp version 2
```

- d. Enable fast-leave processing on a bridge domain, which allows the removal of an interface from the forwarding table without sending group-specific queries to the interface.

```
ip igmp snooping fast-leave
```

- e. Specify the interval between snooping queries.

```
ip igmp snooping query interval 30
```

- f. Specify the maximum amount of time to wait for a response from a snooping query.

```
ip igmp snooping query-max-response-time 20
```

- g. Specify the time limit for sending last member queries.

```
ip igmp snooping last-member-query-interval 150
```

Example

The following example shows all the possible completions for the **ip igmp snooping** command.

```
device(config-bridge-domain-10)# ip igmp snooping ?
Possible completions:
  enable                IGMP Enable
  fast-leave            Fast Leave Processing
  last-member-query-interval Last Member Query Interval
  mrouter              Multicast Router
  querier              Querier
  query-interval        Query Interval
  query-max-response-time IGMP Max Query Response Time
  static-group          Static Group to be Joined
  version              IGMP Snooping Version
```

Monitor IGMP Snooping

Monitor IGMP snooping to help diagnose potential issues on a device.

About This Task

You can run the following commands from any level of the CLI. For more information, see the *Extreme SLX-OS Command Reference*.

Procedure

1. Display all information about IGMP multicast groups for the device, including configured entries for all groups on all interfaces, all groups on specific interfaces, or specific groups on specific interfaces.

```
device# show ip igmp groups
Total Number of Groups: 2
IGMP Connected Group Membership
Group Address  Interface Uptime      Expires      Last Reporter  Version
225.1.1.1      vlan25   00:05:27    00:02:32     25.1.1.1202
Member Ports: eth 0/24
```

2. View snooping configuration information.

```
device# show ip igmp snooping
Vlan ID: 10
Multicast Router ports:  eth0/1
Querier - Disabled
IGMP Operation mode: IGMPv3
Is Fast-Leave Enabled : Enabled
Max Response time = 10
Last Member Query Interval = 1
```

```
Query interval = 125
Number of Multicast Groups: 0
```

3. View information about the multicast cache.

```
device# show ip multicast snooping mcache
Flags : V2|V3 : IGMP Receiver, P_G : PIM (*,G) Join, P_SG: PIM (S,G) Join
        BR : PIM Blocked RPT
Vlan ID : 10
-----
1      (20.20.20.20, 232.0.0.10 ) 22:37:48   NumOIF: 1
      Outgoing Ports:
          eth0/34           Flags: 0x24 ( V3) 00:00:08/252s
```

4. Display the IGMP statistics for a VLAN or interface.

```
device# show ip igmp statistics vlan 1

IGMP packet statistics for all interfaces in vlan 1:
IGMP Message type      Edge-Received   Edge-Sent   Edge-Rx-Errors   ISL Received
Membership Query        0                0            0                0
V1 Membership Report    0                0            0                0
V2 Membership Report    0                0            0                0
Group Leave             0                0            0                0
V3 Membership Report    0                0            0                0
PIM hello               0                0            0                0

IGMP Error Statistics:
Unknown types           0
Bad Length              0
Bad Checksum            0
```

5. Display the Layer 3 IGMP interface configuration information.

```
device# show ip igmp interface
Interface Ve100
IGMP enabled
IGMP query interval 30 seconds
IGMP other-querierinterval 65 seconds
IGMP query response time 10 seconds
IGMP last-member query interval 1 seconds
IGMP immediate-leave disabled
IGMP querier100.0.0.1(this system)
IGMP version 2
```

6. Display multicast router port information.

```
device# show ip igmp snooping mrouter vlan 10
Vlan    Interface    Expires (Sec)
10      eth0/4        250
10      eth0/1        238
```

7. Display the SSM mapping with the prefix list name and source address details.

```
device# show ip igmp ssm-map

+-----+-----+
| PrefixList Name | Source Address |
+-----+-----+
| ssm-map-230-to-232 | 203.0.0.10    |
| ssm-map-233-to-234 | 204.0.0.11    |
```


IGMP Snooping and Unknown Multicast Traffic

IGMP snooping floods unknown multicast data packets on the member ports of VLAN. This unknown data traffic is the traffic sent to multicast groups that are not learned by means of IGMP membership reports or static IGMP group configuration.

Restricting the unknown multicast is achieved by redirecting the unknown multicast traffic (traffic destined to multicast MAC 01:00:5E:XX:XX:XX) to a multicast group identifier (MGID) that has no replication ports. Unknown multicast traffic is dropped because there are no ports to send the traffic.

Traffic Forwarding Scenarios

The following scenarios describe how multicast data traffic is forwarded when the restrict unknown multicast feature is enabled.

Multicast traffic learned from IGMP reports and static groups

IGMP v2 groups are programmed in LEM table as (*,G,V) entries.

IGMP v3 groups are programmed in KAPS as (S,G,V) entries.

The multicast data traffic is forwarded based on a match from LEM or KAPS table, which provides an MGID. The multicast traffic is replicated to an MGID that has egress ports.

Unknown multicast traffic

All the unknown multicast data traffic is restricted or dropped instead of flooded on the VLAN members.

Mrouter port behavior

Mrouter ports that are learned by means of receiving IGMP queries, PIM hello messages, or static configuration are added as part of the restrict unknown multicast MGID. Unknown multicast data traffic is then flooded only to the mrouter ports of the VLAN.

TCAM Profile

The restrict unknown multicast functionality is supported in default TCAM profile.

Limitations

- The MGIDs used for redirecting the unknown multicast traffic are allocated from the IGMP MGID space. The maximum number for IGMP groups without restrict unknown multicast is 16384.
- When you enable restrict unknown multicast on a VLAN or bridge domain, the IGMP groups maximum scaling number is reduced by 1.



Note

The maximum number of 15872 IGMP groups can be learned, if restrict unknown multicast is enabled on 512 VLANs or bridge domains.

Disable the IGMP Router Alert Option

About This Task

By default, IGMP snooping checks for the presence of the router alert option in the IP packet header of an IGMP message. Packets that do not include this option are dropped. When you disable the router alert, you also disable the snooping check for the presence of the router alert option.

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Disable the router alert option.

```
device(config)# ip igmp router-alert-check-disable
```

IPv4 PIM-SM Traffic Snooping

Overview

By default, a device does not examine the IP multicast information in a packet. Instead, the device forwards the packet out all ports except the port that received the packet. In some networks, this method causes unnecessary traffic overhead. For example, if the device is attached to only one group source and two group receivers, but has devices attached to every port, the device forwards group traffic out all ports in the same broadcast domain except the port attached to the source, even though there are only two receivers for the group.

PIM Sparse Mode (PIM-SM) traffic snooping eliminates the superfluous traffic by configuring the device to forward IP multicast group traffic only on the ports that are attached to receivers for the group.

PIM-SM traffic snooping requires IP multicast traffic reduction to be enabled on the device. IP multicast traffic reduction configures the device to listen for IGMP messages. PIM-SM traffic snooping provides a finer level of multicast traffic control by configuring the device to listen specifically for PIM-SM Join and Prune messages sent from one PIM-SM router to another through the device.



Note

This snooping feature applies only to PIM-SM version 2 (PIM v2).

Assumptions and Dependencies

- Standalone PIM snooping is not supported.
- IGMP snooping must be enabled in order to enable PIM snooping on the VLAN.
- Enabling Layer 3 multicast on a VE interface implicitly enables IGMP snooping and PIM snooping by default.
- PIM snooping is disabled when IGMP snooping is disabled.
- A global PIM snooping CLI is not available.
- Disabling Layer 3 multicast disables IGMP and PIM snooping unless configured by the user.
- When Layer 3 multicast is configured, you cannot disable IGMP or PIM snooping
- Clearing the IP IGMP groups clears the whole snooping database.

PIM-SM Snooping on a Bridge Domain

A bridge domain is a set of different types of service endpoints, such as pseudowire and VxLAN tunnel, grouped into one broadcast domain that allows any-to-any bridging. A Layer 3 VE interface can be bound to a bridge domain. Because PIM-SM can be configured on the VE, PIM-SM snooping is supported on a bridge domain.

PIM Snooping in an SSM Range

Source-Specific Multicast (SSM) is required only at the last-hop router (LHR) and is not required for the intermediate switch or router. At the LHR, if the SSM map is enabled in the IGMP, the v2 report in the SSM group range is converted to (S,G) join and sent to PIM. If a host sends a v3 report in the same SSM range, and the router is v3 enabled with an SSM map configured on this router, then this report is dropped. From the PIM snooping perspective, the (S,G) join is only created in the software.

IPv4 PIM-SM Snooping Example

In this example, a device is connected through an IP router to a PIM-SM group source that is sending traffic for a multicast group. The device also is connected to a receiver for the group.

When PIM-SM traffic snooping is enabled, the device listens for PIM-SM Join and Prune messages and IGMP group membership reports. Until the device receives a Join message or a membership report, it forwards IP multicast traffic out on all ports. When the device receives a Join message or group membership report, the device forwards subsequent traffic for that group only on the ports from which the Join messages or reports were received.

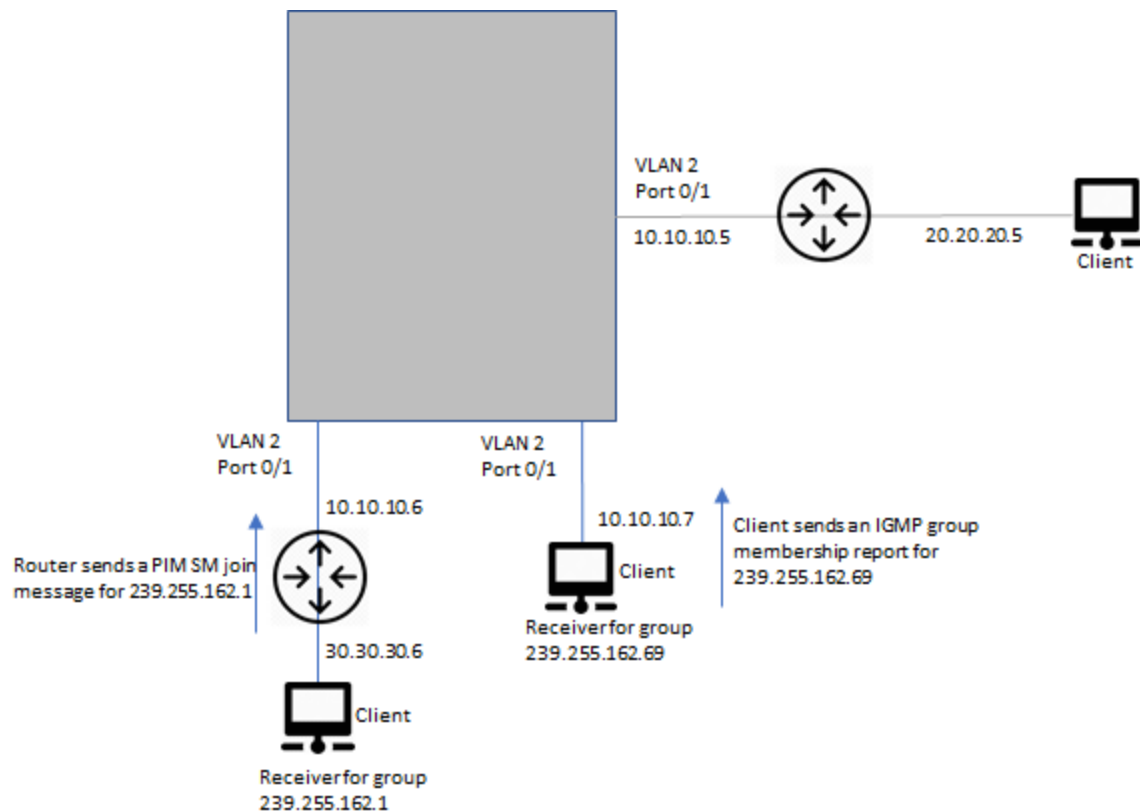


Figure 8: PIM SM traffic reduction in an enterprise network

In this example, the switch snoops for PIM SM Join and Prune messages. The router connected to the receiver for group 239.255.162.1 sends a Join message toward the group's source. Because PIM-SM traffic snooping is enabled on the device, the device examines the Join message to learn the group ID, then makes a forwarding entry for the group ID and the port connected to the receiver's router. The next time the device receives traffic for 239.255.162.1 from the group's source, the device forwards the traffic only on port 0/1, because that is the only port connected to a receiver for the group.

Enable IPv4 PIM Snooping on a VLAN

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter VLAN configuration mode.

```
device(config)# vlan 1
```

3. Enable PIM snooping.

```
device(config-vlan-1)# ip pim snooping enable
```

Enable IPv4 PIM Snooping on a Bridge Domain

Procedure

1. Enter global configuration mode.

```
device# configure terminal
```

2. Enter bridge domain configuration mode.

```
device(config)# bridge-domain 10
```

3. Enable PIM snooping.

```
device(config-bridge-domain-10)# ip pim snooping enable
```

PIM Multicast Router Presence Detection

The PIM multicast router presence detection feature scans the network traffic for incoming PIM hellos. This feature is enabled when multicast routing or snooping is enabled.

When a PIM hello is detected, that port is marked for the presence of a multicast router and the information is saved. This action prevents unnecessary flooding if the PIM designated router (DR) goes offline, because IGMP reports are forwarded to the multicast routers and not only the snooping-enabled router.



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IP Multicast Fabric Overview

IP Multicast Fabric replaces ingress replication, which sends packets once over each unicast vxLAN tunnel. IP Multicast Fabric uses Multicast Distribution Trees to deliver traffic effectively while minimizing packet replication in the fabric.

Supported Platforms

IP multicast fabric is supported on the following platforms:

- SLX 9540 (leaf/spine)
- SLX 9640 (leaf/spine)
- SLX 9150-48Y (leaf/spine)
- SLX 9150-48XT (leaf/spine)
- SLX 9250-32C (leaf/spine)

Reference Network

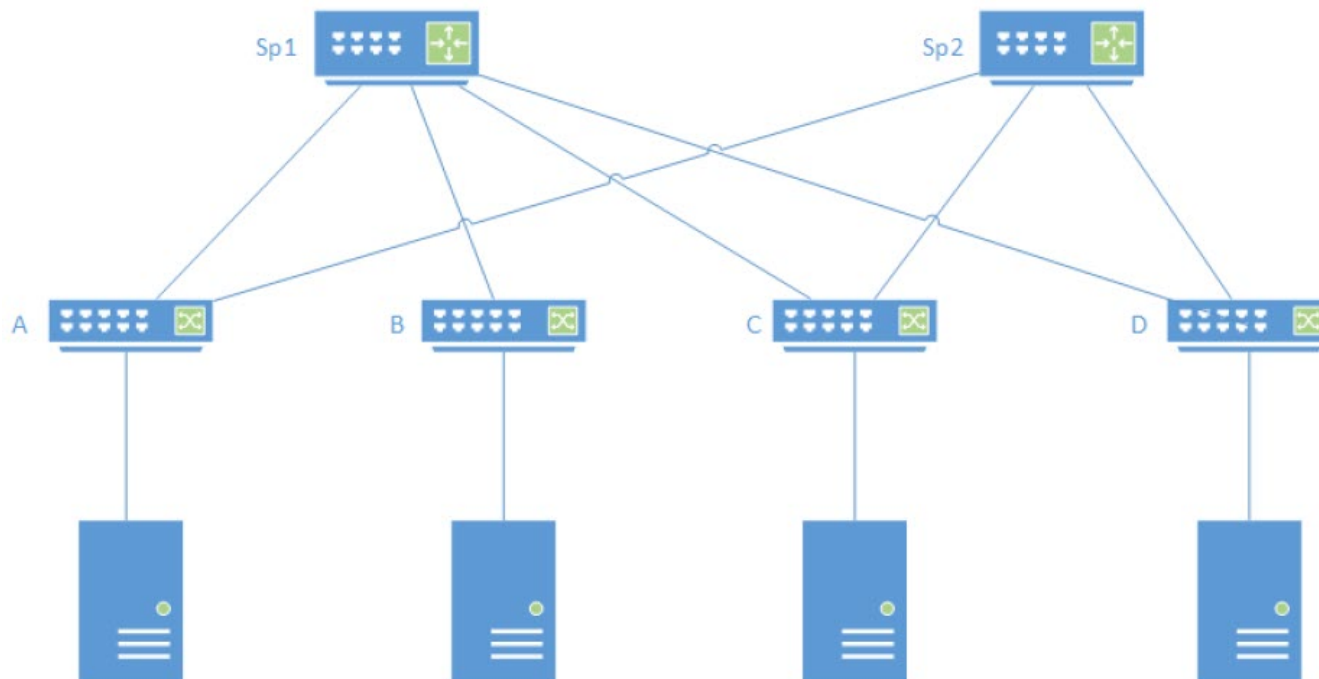


Figure 9: Overview of BGP EVPN Network

A BGP EVPN network is a full mesh of unicast vxLAN tunnels between all leaf switches that are part of the same vLAN.

In a BGP EVPN network:

- IP network in the fabric is used as underlay to deliver L2 or L3 traffic between the hosts. VxLAN tunnels are used as overlay for delivering traffic from leaf to leaf with each leaf serving as a VTEP.
- A BGP session is established between each pair of directly connected routers.
- At each node the user configures the VLANs to exchange traffic with the Hosts. Each VLAN is associated with a VNI, the identifier for the vxLAN tunnel in the fabric between leaf switches
- BGP distributes an IMR (Inclusive Multicast Route) which associates the VNI and participating VTEPs. This route information eventually reaches all leaf switches, where the vxLan tunnel to the remote peer is created.

Ingress Replication

In ingress replication, all leaf switches participate in the same flooding domain or VLAN. A flood or multicast packet entering the network at one node is replicated on the tunnels to other leaf switches. A high volume of multicast traffic can congest the network when the same packet is transmitted multiple times on the same link.

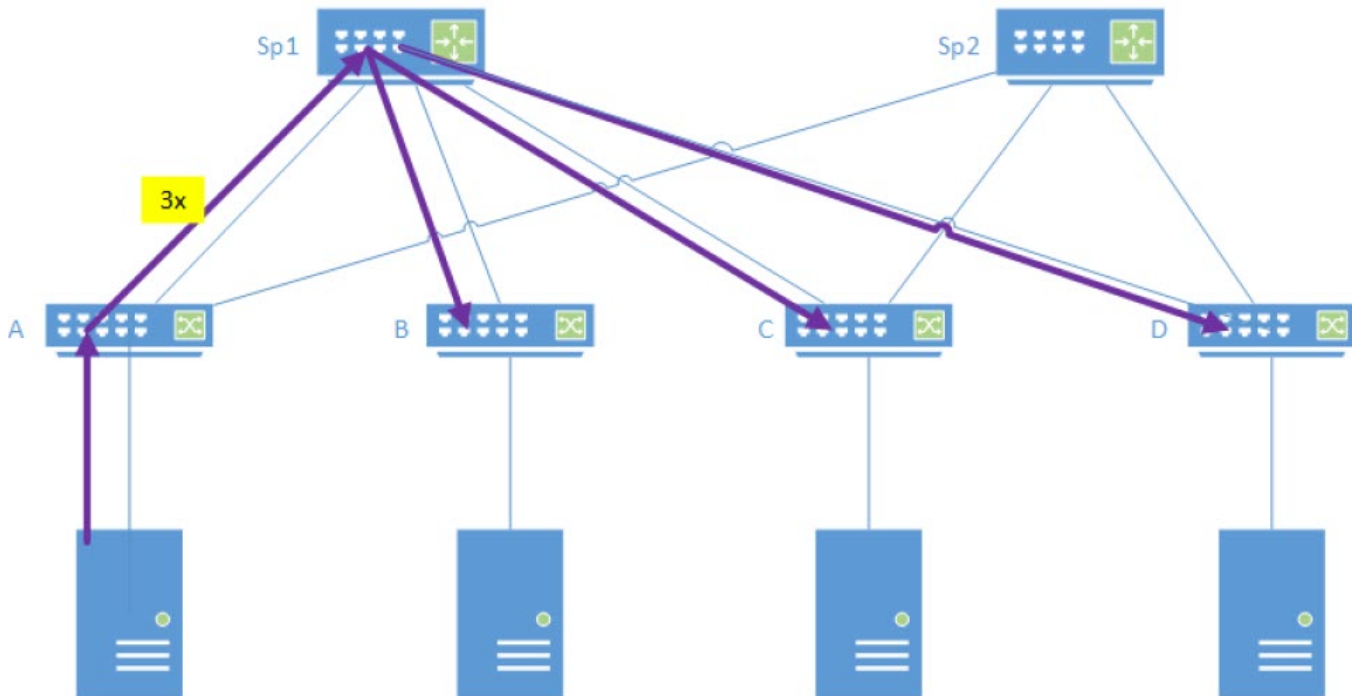


Figure 10: Overview of Ingress Replication

Overview of Multicast Solution

In an ideal multicast solution, the multicast packet is sent only once from a leaf into the spine layer of the network and reduce the replication of flood or multicast packets.

Since the number of spine nodes is less than the number of leaf nodes in a network, the packet replication can be avoided by not sending the same packet multiple times over the same link.

An MDT can be established using BGP and PIM. BGP discovers the VTEPs and PIM establishes the maintains the tree.

There are different types of MDT traffic:

- General or default MDT: The tree is formed from all nodes that participate in VTEP discovery within a domain. Any BUM traffic entering the network is transmitted to all participating leaf nodes and is dropped at egress if it does not apply to the leaf. This may happen if the VNI is not configured at that leaf for user multicast traffic or VLAN does not participate in the c-multicast group.
- VLAN or VNI specific: BUM traffic on the tree is delivered to all members of the VLAN. The user multicast traffic is dropped at egress if the group in the packet is not part of this VLAN at the egress node.
- Group specific: Multicast traffic for a specific group and VLAN can form its own MDT for optimal distribution.

The IP multicast fabric allows user-configured mapping between VNIs and MDTs which supports a default MDT for VLANs or VRFs and VNI specific MDTs, as required. The multicast vxLAN tunnels are used to deliver packets. The format of the IP packet is same as a vxLAN packet:

- Destination IP: Group address of the MDT (instead of the remote VTEP)

- Source IP: Sender (leaf node) IP
- VNI: VNI which represents the VLAN in the network

Multicast Distribution for BUM Traffic

The replication of BUM packet must be controlled and reduced. If there are N VTEPs (neighbors) participating in a VLAN, ingress replication sends N copies of the BUM packet.

Ideal Multicast Distribution

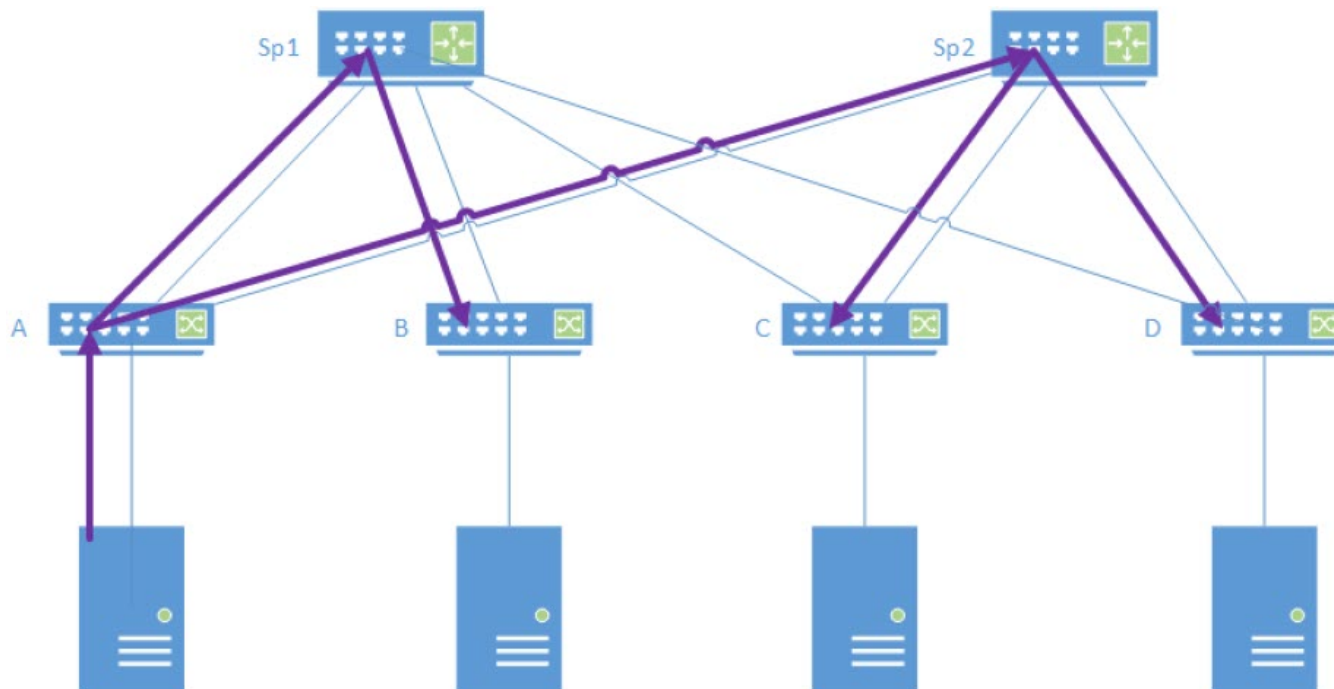


Figure 11: Overview of Ideal Multicast Distribution

BUM traffic at entry node is sent over the vxLAN tunnel for the default MDT, reaching all nodes. The traffic is dropped at egress as required. The topology in which a single spine is utilized is also possible. This depends on where the protocol messages or PIM Join to establish the tree are transmitted.

Unicast VXLAN Tunnel Establishment

VTEP Auto-discovery

MDT in the fabric builds upon the EVPN VTEP auto discovery. After the user configures VLAN to VNI mappings for each leaf, BGP Inclusive Multicast Ethernet Tagged (IMET) routes are initiated and distributed within the fabric. Each node that participates in a flood domain initiates an IMET or EVPN Type 3 route. Any node that receives an IMET route, establishes a VXLAN tunnel to the remote destination if it belongs to the same domain.

The following figure shows an overview of VTEP Auto-discovery. Node A initiates an IMET route signal in the network. Since nodes B and D are part of the same flooding domain, establish VXLAN tunnels with

node A. Similarly, the IMET route signals initiated by nodes B and D form VXLAN tunnels with other leaf nodes.

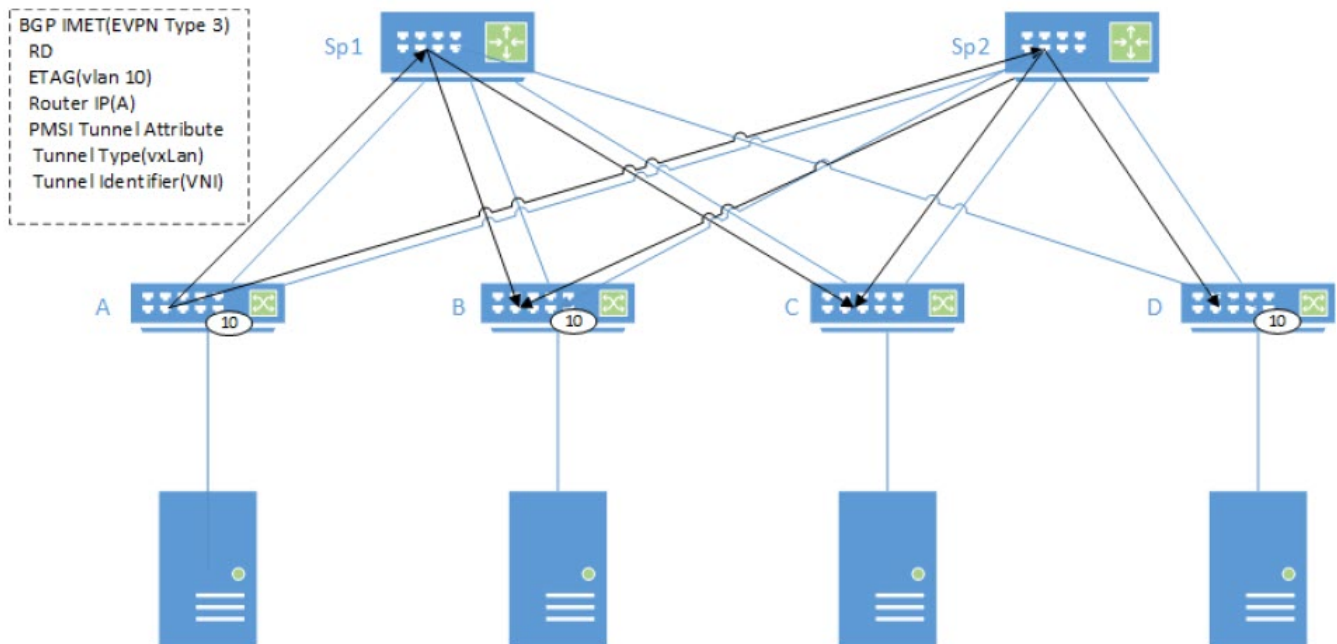


Figure 12: Overview of VTEP auto-discovery

Unicast VXLAN Tunnel Establishment

The following figure shows an overview of unicast VXLAN tunnel establishment. Each leaf creates a tunnel with node A after receiving the IMET route. Eventually, a full mesh of tunnels from each of the nodes participating in VLAN 10, using the same VNI are established.

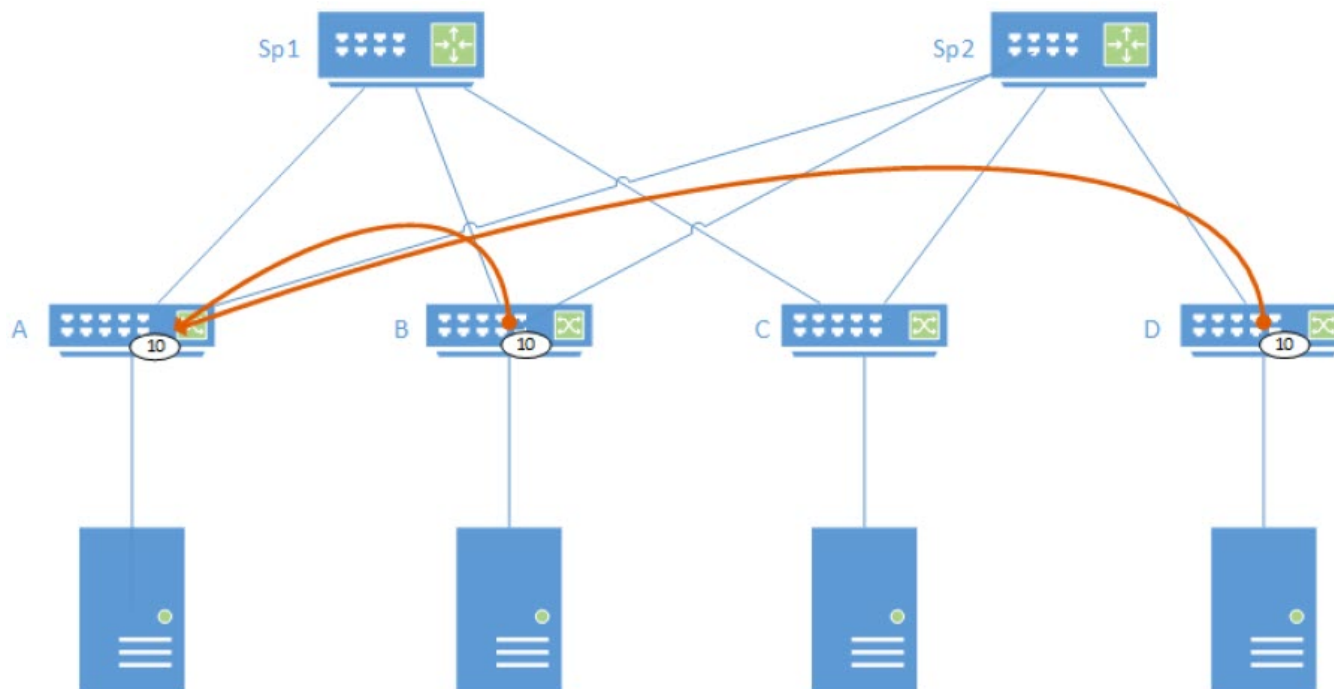


Figure 13: Overview of Unicast VXLAN tunnel establishment

Multicast Distribution Tree

PIM-SSM can create the MDTs using PIM Protocol. After the IMET route is received which identifies the core multicast group for the PIM joins to establish the MDT, PIM signals a join on the RPF path towards the route originator. This results in at least one MDT rooted at each VTEP node.

The number of MDTs is determined by the scope of the traffic inserted into the tree. It is not possible to create an MDT for each C-Multicast group as the number of such groups is virtually unbound. There are several options for creating MDTs:

- One MDT for each VNI
- Single MDT for the entire fabric
- Combination of the above options with additional MDTs for high volume flows

In the PIM-SSM model, a leaf creates a P2MP tree rooted locally to send traffic to all participants. The number of MDTs in the fabric is bound by the number of leaf nodes/VTEPs.

Separate MDTs such as a Default MDT for flood or BUM traffic and a Data MDT for user multicast traffic can be created. However, a separate MDT just for flood traffic is not required as network congestion is negligible. IP Multicast fabric solution uses the same MDT for both types of traffic.

Per VNI MDT

The following figure shows an example of per VNI MDT signaling. When nodes B, C, and D receive IMET routes identifying A as part of flood domain based on VNI, each node establishes a unicast VXLAN tunnel towards A with the appropriate VNI.

VNIs can be configured to core multicast group address relationship for multicast traffic. In this example, two different group addresses are configured for the two VNIs. PIM creates two source specific trees routed at A, one for each group address.

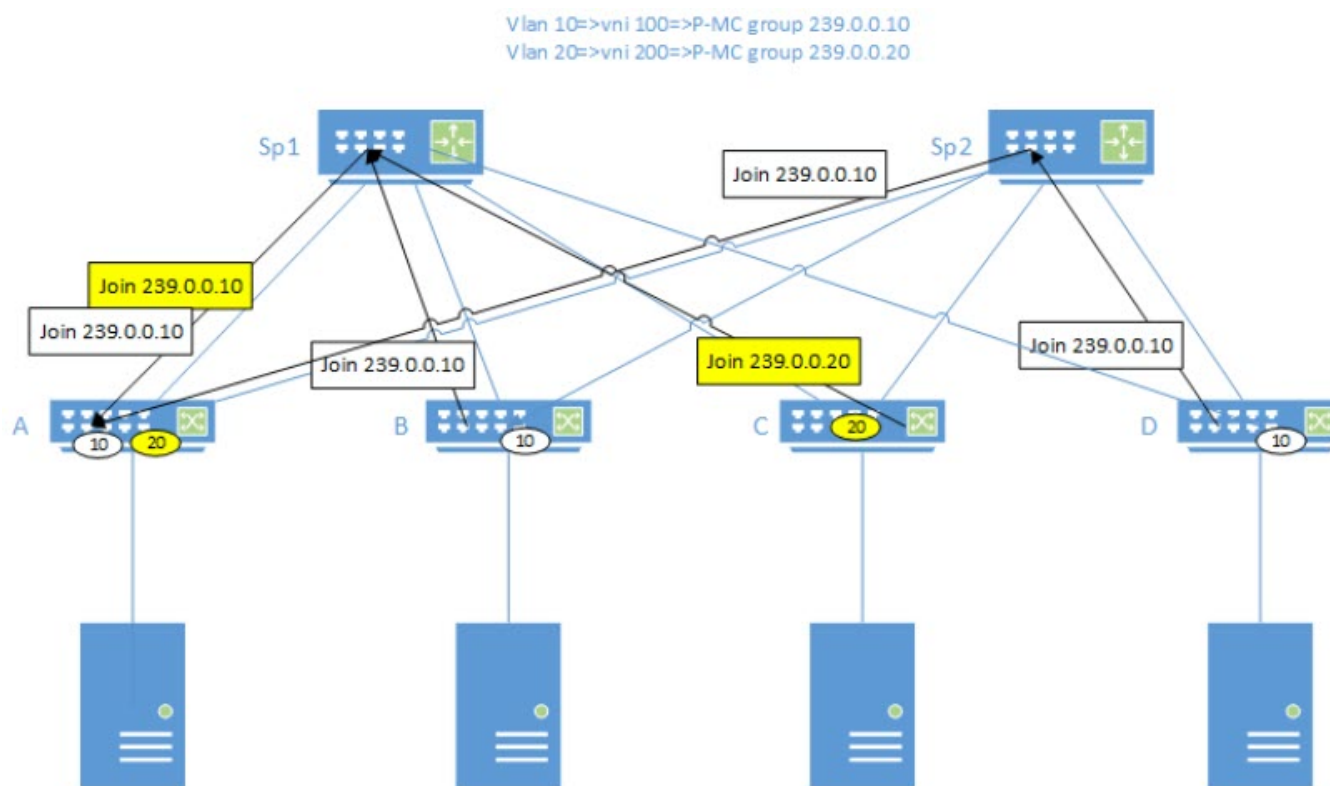


Figure 14: Per VNI MDT signaling

The following figure shows an example of per VNI MDT datapath. The multicast traffic is forwarded within the core based on the MDT group that corresponds to the VLAN and VNI which were signaled with PIM. Traffic for vlan 20 follows a different path than traffic for vlan 10.

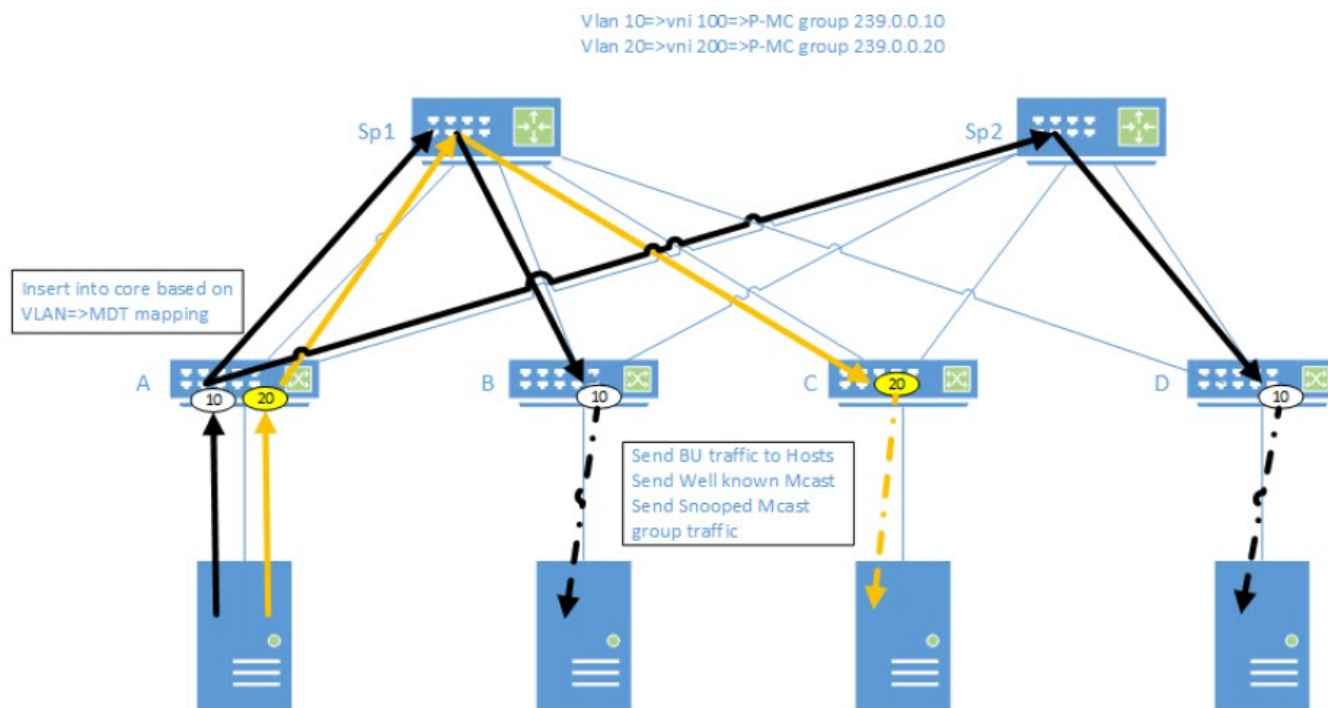


Figure 15: Per VNI MDT Datapath

Default MDT

The following figure shows an example where each VNI in the network is configured with the same multicast group address for the core. A single MDT is formed and rooted at A for all VNIs.

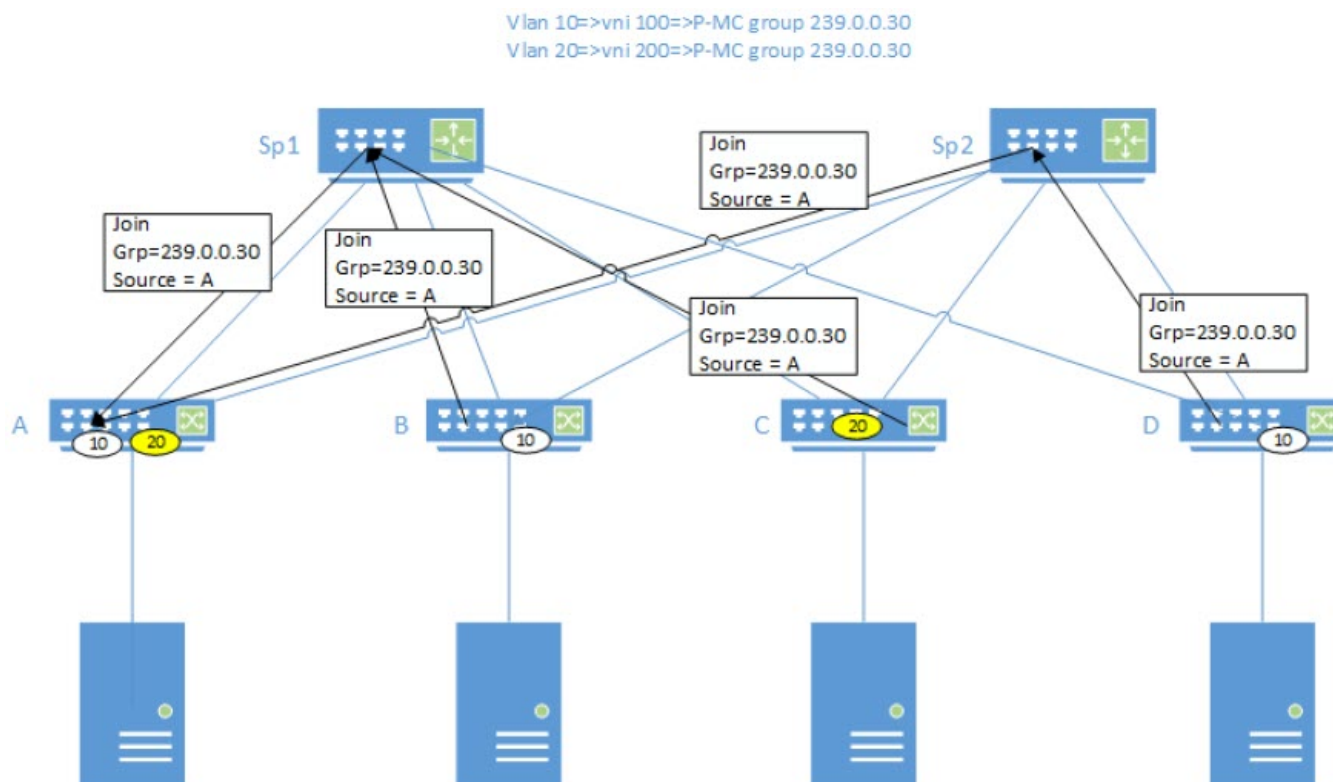


Figure 16: Default MDT signaling

The following figure shows an example where the traffic for both VLANs is injected into the same tree, and filtered at egress as required.

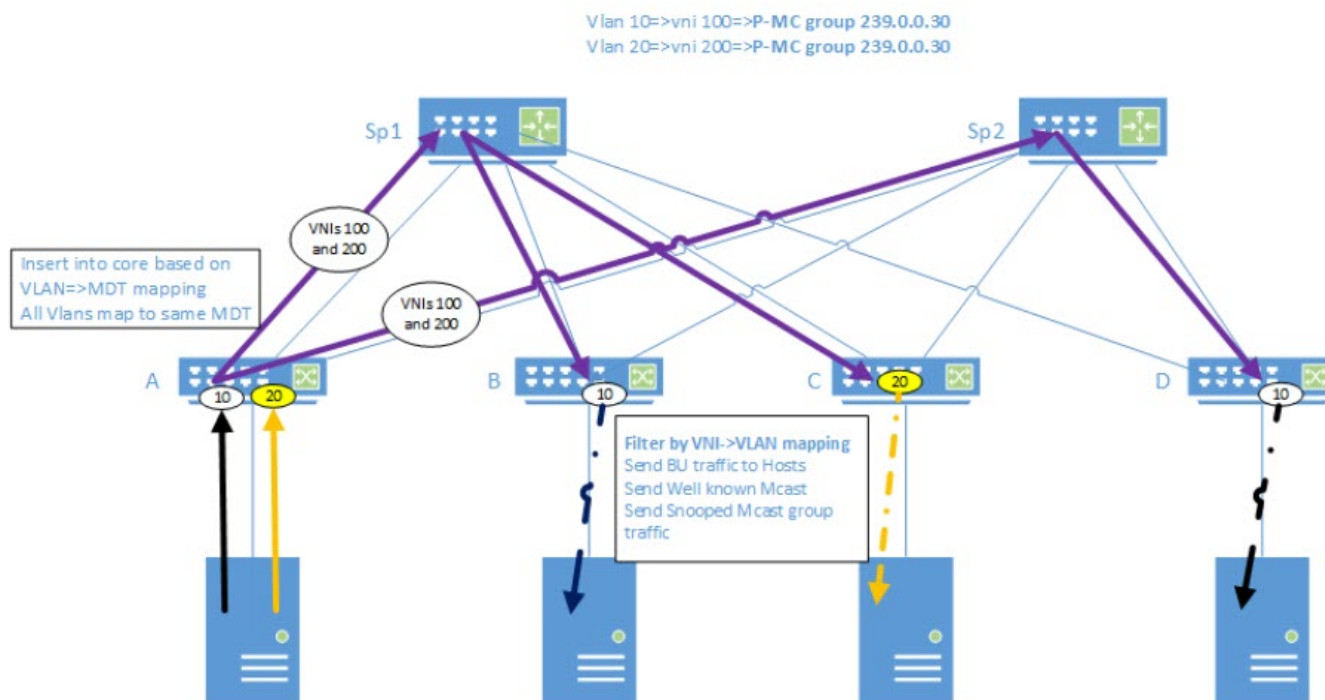


Figure 17: Default MDT datapath

Configure Optimization Replication

Procedure

1. Configure the IP fabric.
2. On all fabric nodes, configure IP prefix-list for the Multicast Group address range you want to reserve and use with PIM-SSM to form MDT.
3. Enable the following:
 - Router PIM under default VRF
 - PIM-SSM with prefix-list

```
ip prefix-list mdt-range seq 5 permit 239.0.0.0/8
!
router pim vrf default-vrf
ssm-enable range mdt-range
!
```

4. Enable PIM-SM on all Fabric links.

```
interface Ethernet 0/6
ip address 11.1.1.200/24
ip pim-sparse
no shutdown
!
```

5. On all leaf nodes, enable Optimized-Replication under Overlay-Gateway with the default MDT group. If a separate MDT is required for an EVPN domain, the MDT group address can be assigned to the associated VLAN/BD.

```
SLX# show running-config overlay-gateway
overlay-gateway tunnel
ip interface Loopback 1
map vni auto
optimized-replication
underlay-mdt-default-group 239.1.1.1
underlay-mdt-group 239.1.1.103 vlan add 300
underlay-mdt-group 239.1.1.110 vlan add 110
underlay-mdt-group 239.1.1.200 bridge-domain add 1
!
activate
!
```

6. (Optional) Remove Optimization Replication.

```
# no optimized-replication
```

Example

```
# vlan 5
# vlan 6
# vlan 10
# vlan 11
# vlan 12
# vlan 20
# vlan 30
# vlan 40
# overlay-gateway 10
# type layer2-extension
# optimized-replication
# underlay-mdt-default-group 239.0.0.100 ! default MDT for all VNIs
# underlay-mdt-group 239.0.0.1 vlan add 10-12,20 ! shared MDT; but not the default
# underlay-mdt-group 239.0.0.3 vlan add 30 ! MDT dedicated to vlan 30
```

```
# underlay-mdt-group 239.0.0.4 vlan add 40
# underlay-mdt-group 239.0.0.5 bridge-domain add 50,60-70
```

MDT Scale

MDT scale for IP Fabric depends on total VxLAN scale. Each VxLAN tunnel consumes two types of hardware resource: Tunnel Termination and Encapsulation.

IP Fabric with Optimized Replication also contains unicast VxLAN tunnels. The hardware resources are shared between unicast and Multicast tunnels, with FCFS policy.

The following table shows the total hardware resources.

Table 11: Total hardware resources

		Max limit	
SLX 9150/ SLX 9250	Tunnel Termination	256	FCFS (Unicast + Multicast Tunnels)
	Encapsulation	16k	15.5k LIF + 512 FCFS Unicast/Multicast
SLX 9640/ SLX 9540	Tunnel Termination	512	FCFS (Unicast + Multicast VxLAN)
	Encapsulation	96k	FCFS (LIF + L3 + VxLAN)

Total unicast VxLAN tunnels in a Fabric depends on the number leaf nodes. Each leaf node has unicast VxLAN tunnels. Each unicast VxLAN tunnel consumes 1 Termination and 2 Encap entries. Depending on size of the fabric, MDT can scale based on the remaining hardware resources.

The following example shows how an MDT scales when there are no unicast tunnels and all resources are available for multicast tunnels.

1 MDT = 1 Multicast VxLAN Tunnel = (1 Termination) + (1 Encap per Spine)

SLX 9250:

- 256 MDT with 1 Spine = 256 Tunnels x 1 Encap (Max 256 Termination limit reached)
- 128 MDT with 4 Spines = 128 Tunnels x 4 Encap (Max 512 Encap limit reached)
- 1 MDT with 512 Spines = 1 Tunnel x 512 Encap (Max 512 Encap limit reached)

Configure Multicast IP Fabric with L3 VNI

Multicast IP Fabric supports L3 VNI configuration.

Before You Begin

- Each L3 VNI is treated as a separate VNI that needs to be mapped to MDT.
- For deployments where user VNIs are not configured on all leaf nodes, L3 VNI serves as an Intermediate Hop to forward the traffic.

- There is no change in the Unicast traffic forwarding behavior as Unicast traffic does not use MDT.
- Each L3 VNI must be configured and mapped to MDT Group. It can have a unique MDT or a shared VNI MDT.

About This Task

To support IP Multicast routing using L3 VNI, each L3 VNI must be configured as PIM interface. This enables the PIM protocol to form Multicast forwarding tree over L3 VNIs.

Procedure

1. Configure the following on the device:

- VRF
- Route target for EVPN
- Interface for L3 VNI



Note

L3 VNI interface must be configured with IP address.

On LVTEP, the VLAN associated with L3VNI must also be added as MCT VLAN member.

```
vrf mc
rd 102:3
evpn irb ve 300
address-family ipv4 unicast
route-target export 102:102 evpn
route-target import 102:102 evpn
!
!
```

2. For L3 multicast routing, enable Router PIM for the selected VRF domain on each leaf node, as required.

```
router pim vrf mc
!
```

3. Select a leaf node to act as RP per VRF Domain and create a loopback interface on the node.
4. Enable PIM-SM for the loopback interface.

```
interface Loopback 2
vrf forwarding mc
ip address 30.30.30.30/32
ip pim-sparse
no shutdown
!
```

5. Configure IP address of the selected RP interface as RP-address on each leaf node where PIM is running for the selected VRF.

```
router pim vrf mc
rp-address 30.30.30.30
!
```

6. Enable the following on each leaf node as required.

- PIM on L3 VNI interface.
- For L3 Multicast Routing, PIM on all selected VE interfaces associated with EVPN VLANs/BDS.

```
interface Ve 300
vrf forwarding mc
ip address 3.4.5.3/24
ip pim-sparse
```



```
no shutdown
!
```

Example

```
vrf mc
rd 102:3
evpn irb ve 300
address-family ipv4 unicast
route-target export 102:102 evpn
route-target import 102:102 evpn
!
address-family ipv6 unicast
route-target export 102:102 evpn
route-target import 102:102 evpn
!
!
vlan 300
router-interface Ve 300
!
interface Ve 300
vrf forwarding mc
ip address 3.4.5.3/24
ip pim-sparse
no shutdown
!
overlay-gateway 10
type layer2-extension
optimized-replication
underlay-mdt-group 239.0.0.100 default ! default MDT for all VNIs
underlay-mdt-group 239.0.0.1 vlan add 300
```

Logical VTEPs and MCT (Multi-homing)

The following sections provide information on logical VTEPs and MCT (multi-homing).

MDT Signaling for LVTEP/MCT Cluster

The following figure shows an example of multi-homed configuration. The server attached to A supports a LAG connection to A/A' which forms an MCT cluster. The join for the core MDT coming from the spines are directed at the logical VTEP address for the A/A' cluster, so that any particular join from a spine can land at either switch. Also, when LVTEP/MCT cluster joins the IP Fabric MDT, the PIM-SSM Join is initiated only by the MCT Peer node which is elected as Primary MDT node.

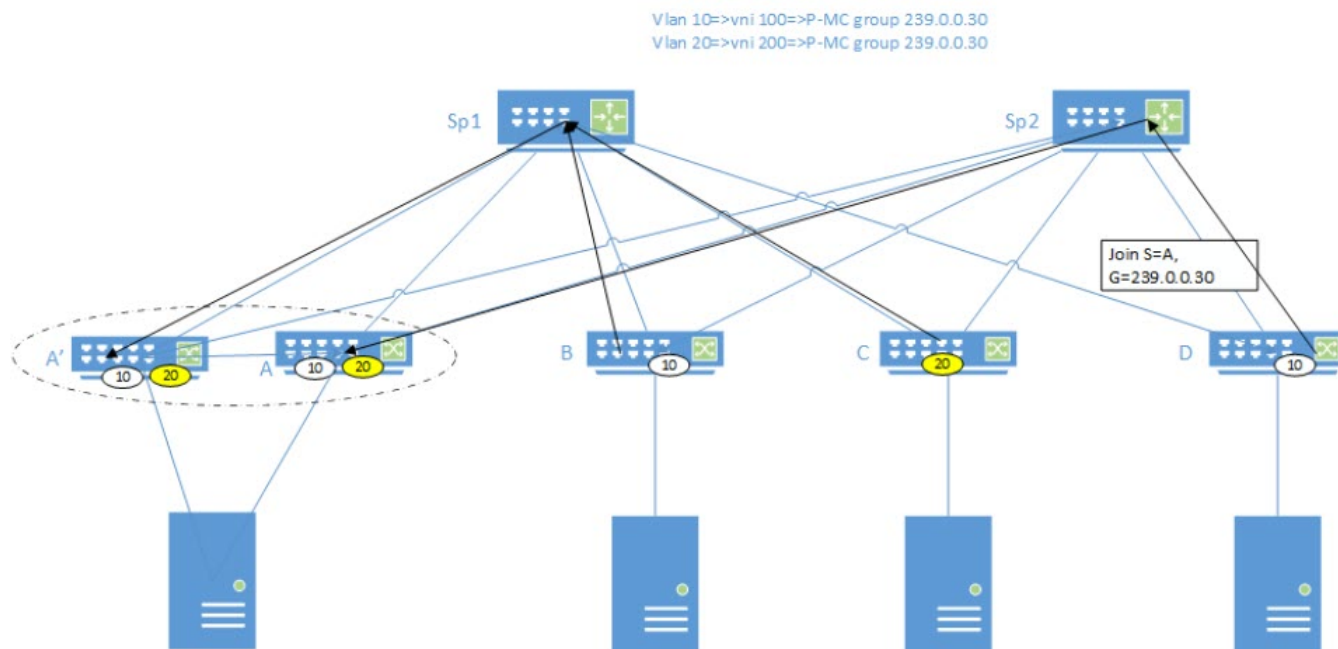


Figure 18: MDT signaling for LVTEP/MCT cluster

Primary MDT Node Selection

The Primary MDT node is selected in MCT cluster to determine which MCT peer must initiate the PIM-SSM Join to all discovered remote VTEPs and join the IP Fabric MDT to receive the traffic. The selection is based on MCT keep-alive (KA) client isolation role configuration and local and peer node status.

	MCT KA Role Configured/Selected	
	Primary	Secondary
Local node status	Up	Shut
Peer node status	Up	Down



Note

The MCT KA role is either configured or selected. The MCT node with highest IP address is the Primary node.

The local node status is based on shutdown status in cluster configuration.

The peer node status is based on Keep-Alive status.

If both MCT peer nodes have the MCT KA role configured as Primary, MDT join role is also selected as Primary in both the nodes and both MCT peer nodes receive MDT traffic.

LVTEP/MCT Cluster Link Failure

On MCT ICL link fail, Loose-Loose mode is activated. MCT peers continue with their existing MCT KA and MDT join Primary/Secondary states and only the Primary MDT node receives the MDT traffic. This

results in the MDT traffic to be forwarded to CCEP clients based on Local-Biased forwarding. The CEP ports on Secondary MDT node do not receive the traffic.

MCT peer node with KA role as Secondary, shuts down its CCEP interfaces and the LVTEP loopback interface. The spine nodes that join the Secondary MCT node initially, re-direct the PIM-SSM joins to the Primary MCT node. All CCEP MDT traffic egress out into the EVPN Fabric from the Primary MCT node. The traffic from the CEP port on Secondary MCT node cannot egress out into the EVPN Fabric and is dropped.

Route Sync Between LVTEP/MCT Cluster

Any IGMP Group discovered over the IP Fabric Multicast Tunnel is termed as IGMP EVPN route. For all remotely discovered IGMP EVPN routes, Multicast tunnel is added as OIF to the L2/L3 Mcast routes.

The following figure shows an example of LVTEP/MCT cluster. When IGMP EVPN route is discovered by node A, Join Sync Route (EVPN Type 7) is sent between nodes A and A'. The purpose of the communication is to ensure that group traffic is directed to all branches of the tree.

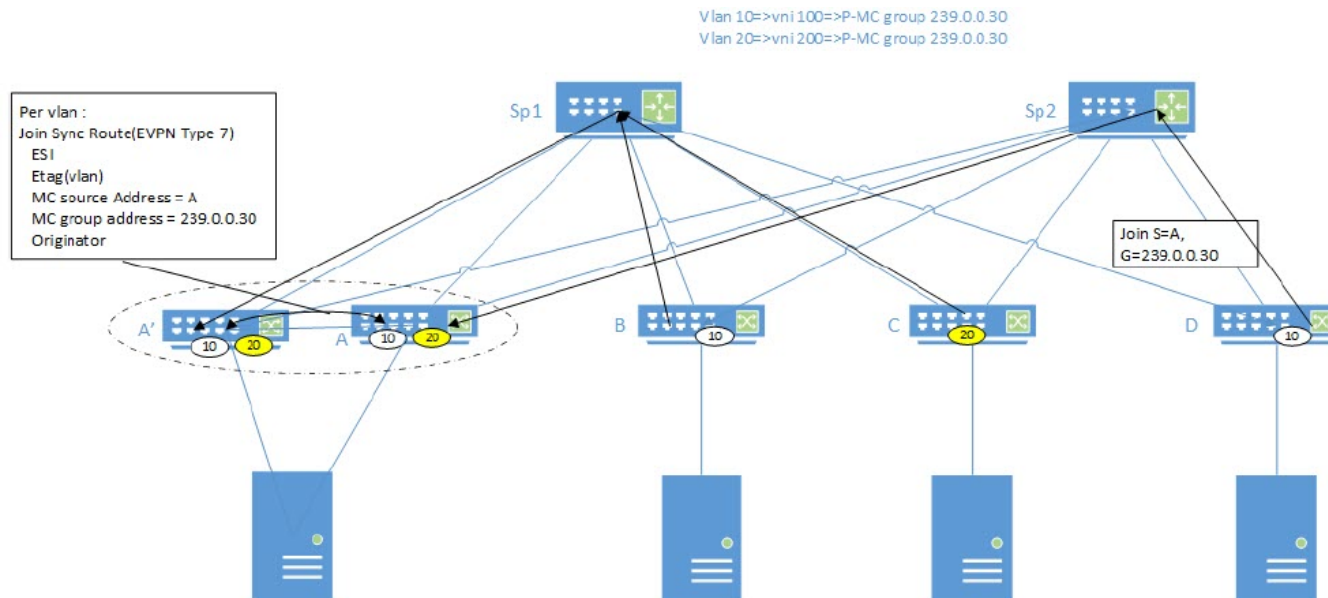


Figure 19: Overview of Route sync between LVTEP/MCT cluster

Datapath

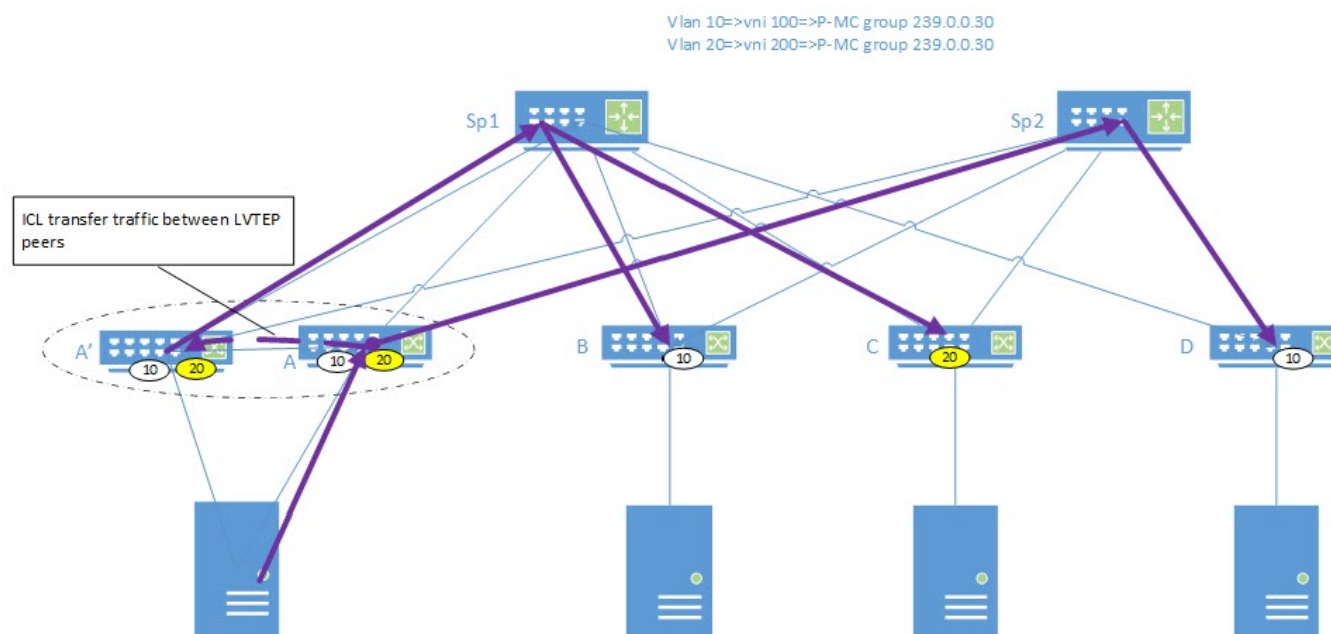


Figure 20: Datapath

The following figure shows an example of the datapath. Node A has a sync route from node A' and has added the ICL link to the OIF list for the traffic. When multicast traffic reaches node A, the traffic is sent not just to the multicast VxLAN tunnel which sends the traffic to Sp2, but also to the ICL connecting the nodes A and A'. Node A' picks up the traffic and directs it into its multicast VxLAN tunnel to deliver it to nodes B and C through Sp1. Traffic delivery to the servers connected to nodes B and D depends on the presence of VNI and C-multicast group on those nodes or routers.

Bud Node Topology

In some cases, traffic on the MDT must be terminated / decapsulated and then forwarded as part of the MDT. This can happen easily in a non-CLOS architecture, especially in a ring topology.

The following figure shows an example of a bud node in CLOS. Initially, the links between Sp2 and A/A' and Sp1 to D are down. The tree that is formed includes router C (leaf node) in the path from A to D. The CLOS devolves to a straight-line network between A --> Sp1 --> C --> Sp2 --> D.

In this case, it is not enough for C to decapsulate the traffic from the VxLAN and forward to the servers and its multicast VxLAN tunnel which includes Sp2 as an immediate destination. Hence, the packets are recycled by processing in two passes. The first pass includes forwarding the packet along any downstream links that are part of the MDT. The second pass includes decapsulating the packet and sending it to the local ports. This requires internal or external ports to be reserved for packet recycling depending on the specific platform.

Router C detects this scenario once it has received a Join for a source that is not itself. For example, receiving a (S, G) join where $S \neq C$ and $G =$ the group address for the vxlan MDT is enough for C to detect that bud node behavior is required.

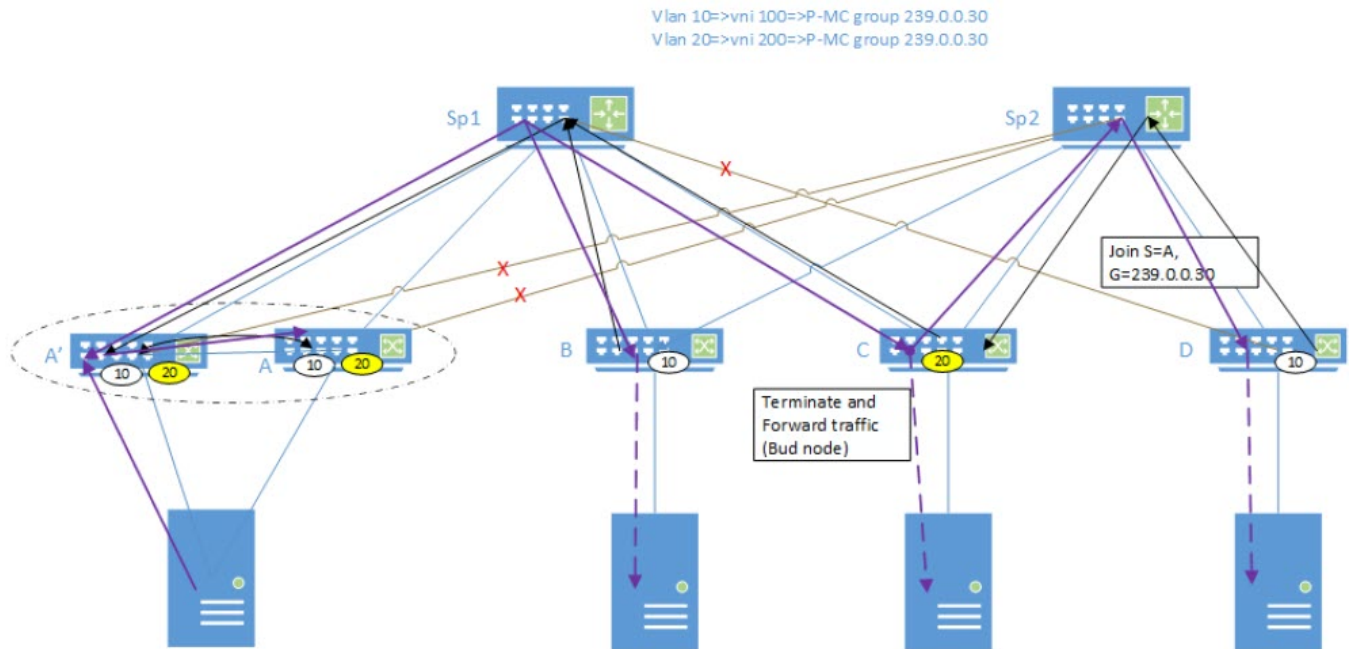


Figure 21: Bud node topology

Any problems in recycling due to recycle port configuration and recycle port limits can be addressed with the configuration model and allowing multiple recycle ports or higher bandwidth recycle ports.