

MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

When a router is configured with Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) Graceful Restart (GR), it assists a neighboring router that has MPLS LDP Stateful Switchover/Nonstop Forwarding (SSO/NSF) Support and Graceful Restart to recover gracefully from an interruption in service. MPLS LDP GR functions strictly in helper mode, which means it can only help other routers that are enabled with MPLS SSO/NSF and GR to recover. If the router with LDP GR fails, its peer routers cannot help the router recover.

For brevity, the following are used in this document:

- MPLS LDP SSO/NSF Support and Graceful Restart is called LDP SSO/NSF.
- The MPLS LDP GR feature described in this document refers to helper mode.

When you enable MPLS LDP GR on a router that peers with an MPLS LDP SSO/NSF-enabled router, the SSO/NSF-enabled router can maintain its forwarding state when the LDP session between them is interrupted. While the SSO/NSF-enabled router recovers, the peer router forwards packets using stale information. This enables the SSO/NSF-enabled router to become operational more quickly.

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Prerequisites for MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

You must enable MPLS LDP GR on all route processors for an LDP session to be preserved during an interruption in service.

Restrictions for MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

- MPLS LDP GR is supported in strict helper mode.
- MPLS LDP GR cannot be configured on label-controlled ATM (LC-ATM) interfaces.

Information About MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

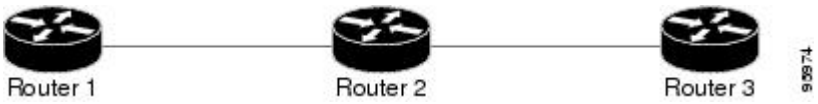
How MPLS LDP Graceful Restart Works

MPLS LDP GR works in strict helper mode, which means it helps a neighboring route processor that has MPLS LDP SSO/NSF to recover from disruption in service without losing its MPLS forwarding state. The disruption in service could be the result of a TCP or UDP event or the stateful switchover of a route processor. When the neighboring router establishes a new session, the LDP bindings and MPLS forwarding states are recovered.

In the topology shown in the figure below, the following elements have been configured:

- LDP sessions are established between Router 1 and Router 2, as well as between Router 2 and Router 3.
- Router 2 has been configured with MPLS LDP SSO/NSF. Routers 1 and 3 have been configured with MPLS LDP GR.
- A label switched path (LSP) has been established between Router 1 and Router 3.

Figure 1: Example of a Network Using LDP Graceful Restart



The following process shows how Routers 1 and 3, which have been configured with MPLS LDP GR, help Router 2, which has been configured with LDP SSO/NSF, recover from a disruption in service:

1. Router 1 notices an interruption in service with Router 2. (Router 3 also performs the same actions in this process.)
2. Router 1 marks all the label bindings from Router 2 as stale, but it continues to use the bindings for MPLS forwarding.

Router 1 reestablishes an LDP session with Router 2, but keeps its stale label bindings. If you issue a **showmplsldpneighbor** command with the **graceful-restart** keyword, the command output displays the recovering LDP sessions.

1. Both routers readvertise their label binding information. If Router 1 relearns a label from Router 2 after the session has been established, the stale flags are removed. The **showmplsforwarding-table**command displays the information in the MPLS forwarding table, including the local label, outgoing label or VC, prefix, label-switched bytes, outgoing interface, and next hop.

You can set various graceful restart timers. See the following commands for more information:

- **mpls ldp graceful-restart timers neighbor-liveness**
- **mpls ldp graceful-restart timers max-recovery**

How a Route Processor Advertises That It Supports MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

A Route Processor (RP) that is configured to perform MPLS LDP GR includes the Fault Tolerant (FT) Type Length Value (TLV) in the LDP initialization message. The RP sends the LDP initialization message to a neighbor to establish an LDP session.

The FT session TLV includes the following information:

- The Learn from Network (L) flag is set to 1, which indicates that the route processor is configured to perform MPLS LDP GR.
- The Reconnect Timeout field shows the time (in milliseconds) that the neighbor should wait for a reconnection if the LDP session is lost. In this release, the timer is set to 0, which indicates that if the local router fails, its peers should not wait for it to recover. The timer setting indicates that the local router is working in helper mode.
- The Recovery Time field shows the time (in milliseconds) that the neighbor should retain the MPLS forwarding state during a recovery. If a neighbor did not preserve the MPLS forwarding state before the restart of the control plane, the neighbor sets the recovery time to 0.

What Happens If a Route Processor Does Not Have MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

If two route processors establish an LDP session and one route processor is not configured for MPLS LDP GR, the two route processors create a normal LDP session but do not have the ability to perform MPLS LDP GR. Both route processors must be configured for MPLS LDP GR.

How to Configure MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

Configuring MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

To configure MPLS LDP Graceful Restart, perform the following task.

You must enable MPLS LDP GR on all route processors for an LDP session to be preserved during an interruption in service.

MPLS LDP GR is enabled globally. When you enable MPLS LDP GR, it has no effect on existing LDP sessions. New LDP sessions that are established can perform MPLS LDP GR.



Note You can also issue the **mpls label protocol ldp** command in global configuration mode, which enables LDP on all interfaces configured for MPLS.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip cef distributed**
4. **mpls ldp graceful-restart**

5. **interface** *type slot* / *subslot* / *port* [**.** *subinterface-number*]
6. **mpls ip**
7. **mpls label protocol ldp**
8. **exit**
9. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip cef distributed** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip cef distributed`	Enables distributed Cisco Express Forwarding.
Step 4	**mpls ldp graceful-restart** **Example:** `Router(config)# mpls ldp graceful-restart`	Enables the router to protect the LDP bindings and MPLS forwarding state during a disruption in service.
Step 5	**interface** *type slot* / *subslot* / *port* [**.** *subinterface-number*] **Example:** `Router(config)# interface pos 0/3/0`	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 6	**mpls ip** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# mpls ip`	Configures MPLS hop-by-hop forwarding for an interface.
Step 7	**mpls label protocol ldp** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# mpls label protocol ldp`	Configures the use of LDP for an interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# exit`	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 9	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Verifying the MPLS LDP Graceful Restart Configuration

To verify that MPLS LDP Graceful Restart is configured correctly, perform the following task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show mpls ldp neighbor graceful restart**
3. **show mpls ldp graceful-restart**
4. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

Step 1 **enable**

Use this command to enable privileged ECEC mode. Enter your password if prompted. For example:

Example:

```
Router>? enable
Router#
```

Step 2 **show mpls ldp neighbor graceful restart**

Use this command to display graceful restart information for LDP sessions. For example:

Example:

```
Router# show mpls ldp neighbor graceful restart
Peer LDP Ident: 10.20.20.20:0; Local LDP Ident 10.17.17.17:0
   TCP connection: 10.20.20.20.16510 - 10.17.17.17.646
    State: Oper; Msgs sent/rcvd: 8/18; Downstream
    Up time: 00:04:39
    Graceful Restart enabled; Peer reconnect time (msecs): 120000
Peer LDP Ident: 10.19.19.19:0; Local LDP Ident 10.17.17.17:0
    TCP connection: 10.19.19.19.11007 - 10.17.17.17.646
    State: Oper; Msgs sent/rcvd: 8/38; Downstream
```

```
    Up time: 00:04:30
    Graceful Restart enabled; Peer reconnect time (msecs): 120000
```

Step 3 **show mpls ldp graceful-restart**

Use this command to display graceful restart sessions and session parameters. For example:

Example:

```
Router# show mpls ldp graceful-restart
LDP Graceful Restart is enabled
Neighbor Liveness Timer: 5 seconds
Max Recovery Time: 200 seconds
Down Neighbor Database (0 records):
Graceful Restart-enabled Sessions:
VRF default:
    Peer LDP Ident: 10.18.18.18:0, State: estab
    Peer LDP Ident: 10.17.17.17:0, State: estab
```

Step 4 **exit**

Use this command to exit to user EXEC mode. For example:

Example:

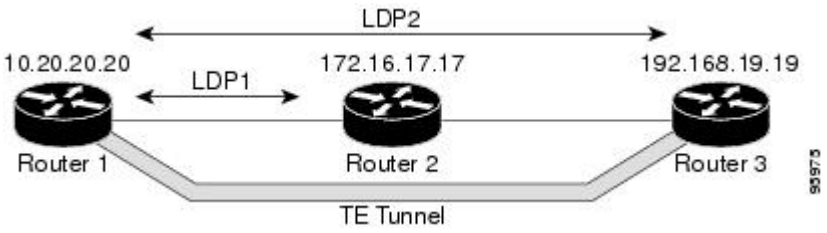
```
Router# exit
Router>
```

Configuration Examples for MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

Configuring MPLS LDP Graceful Restart Example

The figure below shows a configuration where MPLS LDP GR is enabled on Router 1 and MPLS LDP SSO/NSF is enabled on Routers 2 and 3. In this configuration example, Router 1 creates an LDP session with Router 2. Router 1 also creates a targeted session with Router 3 through a traffic engineering tunnel using Router 2.

Figure 2: MPLS LDP Graceful Restart Configuration Example



Router 1 configured with LDP GR:

```
!
ip subnet-zero
ip cef
```

```
mpls label range 16 10000 static 10001 1048575
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls ldp logging neighbor-changes
mpls ldp graceful-restart
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 20.20.20.20 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no ip mroute-cache
!
interface Tunnel1
 ip unnumbered Loopback0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 mpls label protocol ldp
 mpls ip
 tunnel destination 19.19.19.19
 tunnel mode mpls traffic-eng
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng autoroute announce
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng priority 7 7
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng bandwidth  500
 tunnel mpls traffic-eng path-option 1 dynamic
!
interface ATM5/1/0
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 atm clock INTERNAL
 no atm enable-ilmi-trap
 no atm ilmi-keepalive
!
interface ATM5/1/0.5 point-to-point
 ip address 10.12.0.2 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no atm enable-ilmi-trap
 pvc 6/100
  encapsulation aal5snap
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
mpls ip
ip rsvp bandwidth 1000
!
router ospf 100
 log-adjacency-changes
 redistribute connected
     network 10.12.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
 network 10.20.20.20 0.0.0.0 area 100
 mpls traffic-eng router-id Loopback0
 mpls traffic-eng area 100
```

Router 2 configured with LDP SSO/NSF:

```
!
redundancy
  mode sso
!
ip cef
no ip domain-lookup
mpls label range 17 10000 static 10001 1048575
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls ldp logging neighbor-changes
mpls ldp graceful-restart
```

```
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
no mpls advertise-labels
mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.17.17.17 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface ATM4/0/0
 no ip address
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no ip mroute-cache
 atm clock INTERNAL
 atm sonet stm-1
 no atm enable-ilmi-trap
 no atm ilmi-keepalive
!
interface ATM4/0/0.5 point-to-point
 ip address 10.12.0.1 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 no atm enable-ilmi-trap
 pvc 6/100
  encapsulation aal5snap
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
mpls ip
ip rsvp bandwidth 1000
!
interface POS5/1/0
 ip address 10.11.0.1 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 encapsulation ppp
 mpls label protocol ldp
 mpls traffic-eng tunnels
 mpls ip
 no peer neighbor-route
 clock source internal
 ip rsvp bandwidth 1000
!
router ospf 100
 log-adjacency-changes
 redistribute connected
 nsf enforce global
 network 10.11.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
 network 10.12.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
 network 10.17.17.17 0.0.0.0 area 100
 mpls traffic-eng router-id Loopback0
 mpls traffic-eng area 100
!
ip classless
```

Router 3 configured with LDP SSO/NSF:

```
!
redundancy
  mode sso
!
ip subnet-zero
ip cef
!
no ip finger
no ip domain-lookup
```

```
mpls label protocol ldp
mpls ldp neighbor 10.11.11.11 targeted ldp
mpls ldp logging neighbor-changes
mpls ldp graceful-restart
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
no mpls traffic-eng auto-bw timers frequency 0
mpls ldp discovery directed-hello interval 12
mpls ldp discovery directed-hello holdtime 130
mpls ldp discovery directed-hello accept
mpls ldp router-id Loopback0 force
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 10.19.19.19 255.255.255.255
 no ip directed-broadcast
!
interface POS1/0
 ip address 10.11.0.2 255.0.0.0
 no ip directed-broadcast
 encapsulation ppp
 mpls label protocol ldp
 mpls traffic-eng tunnels
 mpls ip
 no peer neighbor-route
 clock source internal
 ip rsvp bandwidth 1000
!
router ospf 100
 log-adjacency-changes
 redistribute connected
 nsf enforce global
network 10.11.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 100
network 10.19.19.19 0.0.0.0 area 100
mpls traffic-eng router-id Loopback0
 mpls traffic-eng area 100
!
ip classless
```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to MPLS LDP GR.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
MPLS Label Distribution Protocol	MPLS Label Distribution Protocol (LDP)
LDP commands	*Cisco IOS Multiprotocol Label Switching Command Reference*

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	--

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
MPLS Label Distribution Protocol MIB Version 8 Upgrade	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS XE software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFCs	Title
RFC 3036	*LDP Specification*
RFC 3478	*Graceful Restart Mechanism for Label Distribution*

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/techsupport

Feature Information for MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

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

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

Table 1: Feature Information for MPLS LDP Graceful Restart

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
MPLS LDP Graceful Restart	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	When a router is configured with Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) Graceful Restart (GR), it assists a neighboring router that has MPLS LDP Stateful Switchover/Nonstop Forwarding (SSO/NSF) Support and Graceful Restart to recover gracefully from an interruption in service. MPLS LDP GR functions strictly in helper mode, which means it can only help other routers that are enabled with MPLS SSO/NSF and GR to recover. If the router with LDP GR fails, its peer routers cannot help the router recover. In Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1, this feature was introduced on the Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers. The following commands were introduced or modified: **debugmplsldpgraceful-restart**, **mplsldpgraceful-restart**, **mplsldpgraceful-restarttimersmax-recovery**, **mplsldpgraceful-restarttimersneighbor-liveness**, **showmplsipbinding**, **showmplsldpbindings**, **showmplsldpgraceful-restart**, **showmplsldpneighbor**.