

MPLS Infrastructure Changes Introduction of MFI and Removal of MPLS LSC and LC-ATM Features

This document explains the new MPLS Forwarding Infrastructure (MFI) and removal of support for MPLS label switch controller (LSC) and label-controlled ATM (LC-ATM) features and commands.

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Information About MPLS Infrastructure Changes

Introduction of the MPLS Forwarding Infrastructure

The MPLS control plane software is enhanced to make MPLS more scalable and flexible. The MFI, which manages MPLS data structures used for forwarding, replaces the Label Forwarding Information Base (LFIB).

Note The MFI and LFIB do not coexist in the same image. For a list of supported releases, see the "Feature Information for MPLS Forwarding Infrastructure."

Introduction of IP Rewrite Manager

Cisco software introduces a module called the MPLS IP Rewrite Manager (IPRM) that manages the interactions between Cisco Express Forwarding, the IP Label Distribution Modules (LDMs), and the MFI. MPLS IPRM is enabled by default. You need not configure or customize the IPRM. These commands are related to IPRM:

- **clear mpls ip iprm counters**
- **debug mpls ip iprm**
- **debug mpls ip iprm cef**
- **debug mpls ip iprm events**
- **debug mpls ip iprm ldm**

- **debug mpls ip iprm mfi**
- **show mpls ip iprm counters**
- **show mpls ip iprm ldm**

For information about these commands, see the *Cisco IOS Debug Command Reference* and the *Cisco IOS MPLS Command Reference*.

MPLS LSC and LC-ATM Configurations

Before upgrading to Cisco IOS Release 12.4(20)T, remove all the MPLS LSC and LC-ATM configurations from the routers in your network. If your core network has ATM links, you can use packet-based MPLS. See the MPLS Label Distribution Protocol Overview for more information. If you provide ATM access to customers, you can use the Any Transport over MPLS: ATM over MPLS feature. See Any Transport over MPLS for more information.

If you have MPLS LSC or LC-ATM features configured and you upgrade to Cisco IOS Release 12.4(20)T, the configuration is not accepted. The system displays “unrecognized command” errors for any commands that are no longer supported.

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
MPLS commands	*Cisco IOS MPLS Command Reference*
MPLS Label Distribution Protocol	MPLS Label Distribution Protocol Overview
Layer 2 VPN features over MPLS	Any Transport over MPLS

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Feature Information for MPLS Infrastructure Changes

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.

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