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CHAPTER 1

Read Me First

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CHAPTER 2

Configuring NHRP

The Next Hop Resolution Protocol (NHRP) is an Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)-like protocol that dynamically maps a Non-Broadcast Multi-Access (NBMA) network. With NHRP, systems attached to an NBMA network can dynamically learn the NBMA (physical) address of the other systems that are part of that network, allowing these systems to directly communicate.

NHRP is a client and server protocol where the hub is the Next Hop Server (NHS) and the spokes are the Next Hop Clients (NHCs). The hub maintains an NHRP database of the public interface addresses of each spoke. Each spoke registers its real address when it boots and queries the NHRP database for real addresses of the destination spokes to build direct tunnels.

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Information About NHRP

How NHRP and NBMA Networks Interact

Most WAN networks are a collection of point-to-point links. Virtual tunnel networks (for example Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) tunnels) are also a collection of point-to-point links. To effectively scale the connectivity of these point-to-point links, they are usually grouped into a single or multilayer hub-and-spoke

network. Multipoint interfaces (for example, GRE tunnel interfaces) can be used to reduce the configuration on a hub router in such a network. This resulting network is a Non-Broadcast Multi-Access (NBMA) network.

Because there are multiple tunnel endpoints reachable through the single multipoint interface, there needs to be a mapping from the logical tunnel endpoint IP address to the physical tunnel endpoint IP address in order to forward packets out the multipoint GRE (mGRE) tunnel interfaces over this NBMA network. This mapping could be statically configured, but it is preferable if the mapping can be discovered or learned dynamically.

NHRP is an ARP-like protocol that alleviates these NBMA network problems. With NHRP, systems attached to an NBMA network dynamically learn the NBMA address of the other systems that are part of that network, allowing these systems to directly communicate without requiring traffic to use an intermediate hop.

Routers, access servers, and hosts can use NHRP to discover the addresses of other routers and hosts connected to an NBMA network. Partially meshed NBMA networks typically have multiple logical networks behind the NBMA network. In such configurations, packets traversing the NBMA network might have to make several hops over the NBMA network before arriving at the exit router (the router nearest the destination network). When NHRP is combined with IPsec, the NBMA network is basically a collection of point-to-point logical tunnel links over a physical IP network.

NHRP allows two functions to help support these NBMA networks:

1. **NHRP Registration.** NHRP allows Next Hop Clients (NHCs) to dynamically register with Next Hop Servers (NHSs). This registration function allows the NHCs to join the NBMA network without configuration changes on the NHSs, especially in cases where the NHC has a dynamic physical IP address or is behind a Network Address Translation (NAT) router that dynamically changes the physical IP address. In these cases, it would be impossible to preconfigure the logical virtual private network (VPN IP) to physical (NBMA IP) mapping for the NHC on the NHS. See the NHRP_Registration section for more information.
2. **NHRP Resolution.** NHRP allows one NHC (spoke) to dynamically discover the logical VPN IP to physical NBMA IP mapping for another NHC (spoke) within the same NBMA network. Without this discovery, IP packets traversing from hosts behind one spoke to hosts behind another spoke would have to traverse by way of the NHS (hub) router. This process would increase the utilization of the hub's physical bandwidth and CPU to process these packets that enter and exit the hub on the multipoint interface. With NHRP, systems attached to an NBMA network dynamically learn the NBMA address of the other systems that are part of that network, allowing these systems to directly communicate without requiring traffic to use an intermediate hop. This function alleviates the load on the intermediate hop (NHS) and can increase the overall bandwidth of the NBMA network to be greater than the bandwidth of the hub router.

Dynamically Built Hub-and-Spoke Networks

With NHRP, the NBMA network is initially laid out as a hub-and-spoke network that can be multiple hierarchical layers of NHCs as spokes and NHSs as hubs. The NHCs are configured with static mapping information to reach their NHSs and will connect to their NHS and send an NHRP registration to the NHS. This configuration allows the NHS to dynamically learn the mapping information for the spoke, reducing the configuration needed on the hub and allowing the spoke to obtain a dynamic NBMA (physical) IP address.

Once the base hub-and-spoke network is dynamically built, NHRP resolution requests and responses can be used to dynamically discover spoke-to-spoke mapping information, which allows spokes to bypass the hub and contact each other directly. This process allows a dynamic mesh of connections between spokes to be built based on data traffic patterns without requiring a preconfigured static fully meshed network. Using a dynamic-mesh network allows smaller spoke routers to participate up to their capability in a large NBMA network when these smaller spoke routers do not have the resources to participate in a full mesh on the same

size network. The smaller spoke routers do not need to build out all possible spoke-to-spoke links; these routers need to build only the ones they are currently using.

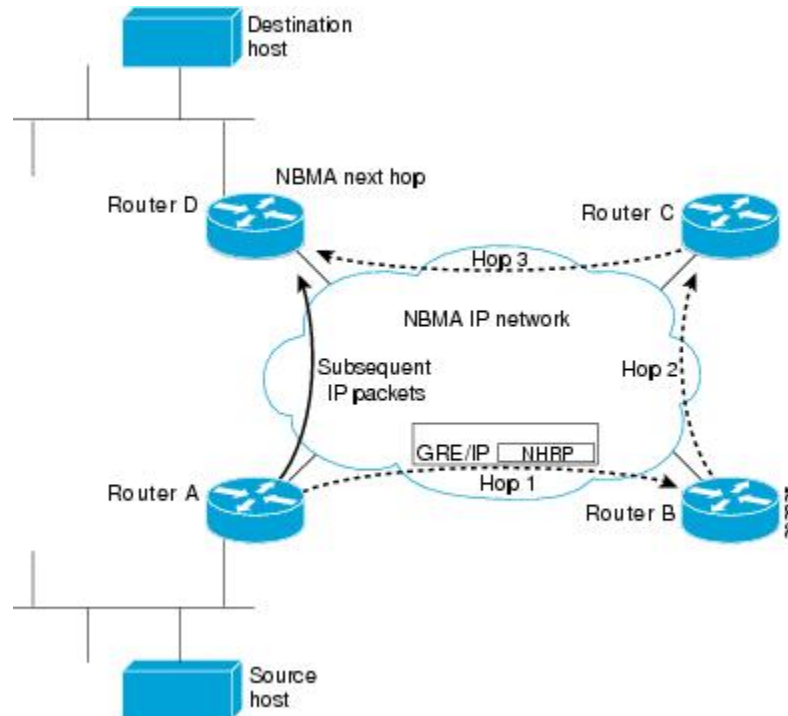
Next Hop Server Selection

NHRP resolution requests traverse one or more hops (hubs) within the base hub-and-spoke NBMA subnetwork before reaching the station that is expected to generate a response. Each station (including the source station) chooses a neighboring NHS to which it forwards the request. The NHS selection procedure typically involves performing a routing decision based upon the network layer destination address of the NHRP request. The NHRP resolution request eventually arrives at a station that generates an NHRP resolution reply. This responding station either serves the destination, or is the destination itself. The responding station generates a reply using the source address from within the NHRP packet to determine where the reply should be sent.

The Cisco implementation of NHRP also supports and extends the IETF RFC 2332, *NBMA Next Hop Resolution Protocol (NHRP)*.

The figure below illustrates four routers connected to an NBMA network. Within the network are IP routers necessary for the routers to communicate with each other by tunneling the IP data packets in GRE IP tunnel packets. The infrastructure layer routers support logical IP tunnel circuit connections represented by hops 1, 2, and 3. When router A attempts to forward an IP packet from the source host to the destination host, NHRP is triggered. On behalf of the source host, router A sends an NHRP resolution request packet encapsulated in a GRE IP packet, which takes three hops across the network to reach router D, connected to the destination host. After router A receives a positive NHRP resolution reply, router A determines that router D is the NBMA IP next hop, and router A sends subsequent data IP packets for the destination to router D in one GRE IP tunnel hop.

Figure 1: Next Hop Resolution Protocol



With NHRP, once the NBMA next hop is determined, the source either starts sending data packets to the destination (in a connectionless NBMA network such as GRE IP or SMDS) or establishes a virtual circuit

(VC) connection to the destination. This connection is configured with the desired bandwidth and quality of service (QoS) characteristics for a connection-oriented NBMA network (such as Frame Relay or ATM) or with Dynamic Multipoint VPN (DMVPN) where an IPsec encryption peering must be established.

Other address resolution methods can be used while NHRP is deployed. IP hosts that rely upon the Logical IP Subnet (LIS) model might require ARP servers and services over the NBMA network, and deployed hosts might not implement NHRP, but might continue to support ARP variations. NHRP is designed to eliminate the suboptimal routing that results from the LIS model, and can be deployed with existing ARP services without interfering with them.

NHRP Registration

NHRP registrations are sent from NHCs to their configured NHSs every one-third of the NHRP holdtime (configured by the **ip nhrp holdtime value command**), unless the **ip nhrp registration timeout value** command is configured, in which case registrations are sent out according to the configured timeout value. If an NHRP registration reply is not received for an NHRP registration request, the NHRP registration request is retransmitted at timeouts of 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, and 32 seconds, then the sequence starts over again at 1.

The NHS is declared down if an NHRP registration reply is not received after three retransmission (7 seconds), and an NHRP resolution packets will no longer be sent to or by way of that NHS. NHRP registrations will continue to be sent at 1-, 2-, 4-, 8-, 16-, and 32-second intervals, probing the NHS until an NHRP registration reply is received. As soon as an NHRP registration reply is received the NHS is immediately declared up, the NHRP registration requests revert to being sent every one-third of NHRP holdtime or the value configured in the **ip nhrp registration timeout** command, and the NHS can again be sent NHRP resolution requests. The **show ip nhrp nhs detail** command can be used to check the state of the NHRP NHSs.

NHRP Used with a DMVPN

NHRP can be used to help build a VPN. In this context, a VPN consists of a virtual Layer 3 network that is built on top of an actual Layer 3 network. The topology you use over the VPN is largely independent of the underlying network, and the protocols you run over it are completely independent of it. The Dynamic Multipoint VPN (DMVPN) is based on GRE IP logical tunnels that can be protected by adding in IPsec to encrypt the GRE IP tunnels.

Dynamic Spoke-to-Spoke Tunnels

Spoke-to-spoke tunnels are designed to be dynamic, in that they are created only when there is data traffic to use the tunnel and they are removed when there is no longer any data traffic using the tunnel.

In addition to NHRP registration of NHCs with NHSs, NHRP provides the capability for NHCs (spokes) to find a shortcut path over the infrastructure of the network (IP network, SMDS) or build a shortcut switched virtual circuit (SVC) over a switched infrastructure network (Frame Relay and ATM) directly to another NHC (spoke), bypassing hops through the NHSs (hubs). This capability allows the building of very large NHRP NBMA networks. In this way, the bandwidth and CPU limitations of the hub do not limit the overall bandwidth of the NHRP NBMA network. This capability effectively creates a full-mesh-capable network without having to discover all possible connections beforehand. This type of network is called a dynamic-mesh network, where there is a base hub-and-spoke network of NHCs and NHSs for transporting NHRP and dynamic routing protocol information (and data traffic) and dynamic direct spoke-to-spoke links that are built when there is data traffic to use the link and torn down when the data traffic stops.

The dynamic-mesh network allows individual spoke routers to directly connect to anywhere in the NBMA network, even though they are capable of connecting only to a limited number at the same time. This functionality allows each spoke in the network to participate in the whole network up to its capabilities without

limiting another spoke from participating up to its capability. If a full-mesh network were to be built, then all spokes would have to be sized to handle all possible tunnels at the same time.

For example, in a network of 1000 nodes, a full-mesh spoke would need to be large and powerful because it must always support 999 tunnels (one to every other node). In a dynamic-mesh network, a spoke needs to support only a limited number of tunnels to its NHSs (hubs) plus any currently active tunnels to other spokes. Also, if a spoke cannot build more spoke-to-spoke tunnels, then it will send its data traffic by way of the spoke-hub-spoke path. This design ensures that connectivity is always preserved, even when the preferred single hop path is not available.

Developmental Phases of DMVPN and NHRP

The developmental phases described in this section are actually DMVPN phases combining mGRE plus NHRP and IPsec. Phase 2 is important because it provides the functionality needed to support dynamic spoke-to-spoke tunnels.

- Phase 1 is the hub-and-spoke capability only. This phase will not be discussed here because phase 1 does not support spoke-to-spoke tunnels.
- Phase 2 adds spoke-to-spoke capability.

NHRP gathers the information that it needs to build spoke-to-spoke tunnels by using NHRP resolution request and reply packets that are sent via the spoke-hub-spoke path through the NBMA network. NHRP also has to be triggered (or know when) to collect this information for building the spoke-to-spoke tunnels, because it brings up the spoke-to-spoke tunnel only when there is data traffic to use it. The two ways that NHRP does this are described in the following sections.

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The IP routing table and the routes learned by way of the hub are important when building spoke-to-spoke tunnels. Therefore, the availability of the NHSs (hubs) is critical for the functioning of an NHRP-based network. When there is only one hub and that hub goes down, the spoke removes the routes that it learned from the hub from its routing table, because it lost the hub as its routing neighbor. However, the spoke does not delete any of the spoke-to-spoke tunnels (NHRP mappings) that are now up. Even though the spoke-to-spoke tunnel is still there the spoke will not be able to use the tunnel because its routing table no longer has a route to the destination network. The spoke has a path (spoke-to-spoke tunnel), but does not know to use it (because there is no routing table entry).

In addition, when the routing entries are removed there is no trigger into NHRP for NHRP to remove NHRP mapping entries. Eventually NHRP will time out the current dynamic NHRP mapping entries that it had when the hub went down because they are not being used. Only at that time does NHRP remove the mapping entry.

In phase 2, if there still happened to be a route in the routing table (could be a static route) with the correct IP next hop, then the spoke could still use the spoke-to-spoke tunnel even when the hub is down. NHRP will not be able to refresh the mapping entry because the NHRP resolution request or response would need to go through the hub.

If you have two (or more) NHS hubs within a single NBMA network (single mGRE, Frame Relay, or ATM interface), then when the first (primary) hub goes down, the spoke router will still remove the routes from the routing table that it learned from this hub, but it will also be learning the same routes (higher metric) from the second (backup) hub, so it will immediately install these routes. Therefore the spoke-to-spoke traffic would continue going over the spoke-to-spoke tunnel and be unaffected by the primary hub outage.

In phase 2, NHRP brings up the NHC-to-NHS tunnel and a dynamic routing protocol is used to distribute routing information about all of the networks that are available behind the hub and all of the other spokes. Included in this information is the IP next hop of the destination spoke that is supporting a particular destination network.

When a data packet is forwarded, it obtains the outbound interface and the IP next hop from the matching routing table network entry. If the NHRP interface is the outbound interface, it looks for an NHRP mapping entry for that IP next hop. If there is no matching of an NHRP mapping entry, then NHRP is triggered to send an NHRP resolution request to get the mapping information (IP next-hop address to physical layer address). The NHRP registration reply packet contains this mapping information. When this information is received, the spoke has enough information to correctly encapsulate the data packet to go directly to the remote spoke, taking one hop across the infrastructure network. One of the disadvantages to this technique is that each spoke must have all of the individual routes in its routing table for all possible destination networks behind the hub and other spokes. Keeping this routing information distributed and up to date can put a significant load on the routing protocol running over the VPN.

Spoke Refresh Mechanism for Spoke-to-Spoke Tunnels

Spoke-to-spoke tunnels are designed to be dynamic, in that they are created only when there is data traffic to use the tunnel and they are removed when there is no longer any data traffic using the tunnel. This section describes the mechanism to refresh the spoke-to-spoke tunnel when it is still being used (no packet loss) and to detect and remove the spoke-to-spoke tunnel when it is no longer being used.

Process Switching

Each time a data packet is switched using an NHRP mapping entry, the “used” flag is set on the mapping entry. Then when the NHRP background process runs (every 60 seconds) the following actions occur:

- If the expire time is >120 seconds and the “used” flag is set, then the “used” flag is cleared.
- If the expire time is <= 120 seconds and the “used” flag is set, then the entry is refreshed.
- If the expire time is <= 120 seconds and the “used” flag is not set, then nothing is done.

CEF Switching

NHRP has no knowledge about when a packet is Cisco Express Forwarding (CEF) switched through the spoke-to-spoke tunnel.

When the NHRP background process runs, the following actions occur:

- If the expire time is > 120 seconds, then nothing is done.
- If the expire time is <= 120 seconds, then the corresponding CEF adjacency is marked “stale”. If the CEF adjacency is then used to switch a packet, CEF will mark the adjacency “fresh” and trigger NHRP to refresh the mapping entry.

In both the process and CEF switching cases, refreshed means that another NHRP resolution request is sent and response is needed to keep the entry from expiring. If the expiration time goes to 0 then the NHRP mapping entry is deleted. Also, if this entry is the last mapping entry with this NBMA address and if the router is CEF switching, then the CEF adjacency will be cleared and marked incomplete.

If the IPsec **tunnel protection ipsec profile** *name* command is used on an NHRP mGRE interface, then the following actions also occur:

1. The corresponding crypto socket entry is deleted.
2. The corresponding crypto map entry is deleted.
3. The corresponding IPsec security associations (SAs) and Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP) SAs are deleted.
4. Just prior to removing the ISAKMP SA, phase 2 and phase 1 delete notify messages are sent to the ISAKMP peer.
5. The ISAKMP peer deletes the corresponding IPsec SAs and ISAKMP SAs.
6. Via the crypto socket, the ISAKMP peer's NHRP mapping entry sets its expire time set to 5 seconds, unless it is a static NHRP mapping entry.
7. When the NHRP mapping entry expires and if it is the last mapping entry with this NBMA address, then the ISAKMP peer also performs items 1 through 5.

How to Configure NHRP

Configuring a GRE Tunnel for Multipoint Operation

Perform this task to configure a GRE tunnel for multipoint (NMBA) operation.

You can enable a GRE tunnel to operate in multipoint fashion. A tunnel network of multipoint tunnel interfaces can be thought of as an NBMA network. When multiple GRE tunnels are configured on the same router, they must either have unique tunnel ID keys or unique tunnel source addresses. NHRP is required on mGRE tunnel interfaces because it provides the VPN-layer-IP to NBMA-layer-IP address mappings for forwarding IP data packets over the mGRE tunnel.

If the tunnel ID key is carried in each GRE packet, it is not carried in any NHRP messages. We do not recommend relying on this key for security purposes.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **tunnel mode gre multipoint**
5. **tunnel key** *key-number*
6. **ip nhrp network-id** *number*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface type number Example: Router(config)# interface tunnel 100	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	tunnel mode gre multipoint Example: Router(config-if)# tunnel mode gre multipoint	Enables a GRE tunnel to be used in multipoint NBMA mode.
Step 5	tunnel key key-number Example: Router(config-if)# tunnel key 3	(Optional) Sets the tunnel ID key
Step 6	ip nhrp network-id number Example: Router(config-if)# ip nhrp network-id 1	Enables NHRP on the interface.

Enabling NHRP on an Interface

Perform this task to enable NHRP for an interface on a router. In general, all NHRP stations within a logical NBMA network should be configured with the same network identifier.

The NHRP network ID is used to define the NHRP domain for an NHRP interface and differentiate between multiple NHRP domains or networks, when two or more NHRP domains (GRE tunnel interfaces) are available on the same NHRP node (router). The NHRP network ID is used to help keep two NHRP networks (clouds) separate from each other when both are configured on the same router.

The NHRP network ID is a local only parameter. It is significant only to the local router and is not transmitted in NHRP packets to other NHRP nodes. For this reason the actual value of the NHRP network ID configured on a router need not match the same NHRP network ID on another router where both of these routers are in the same NHRP domain. As NHRP packets arrive on a GRE interface, they are assigned to the local NHRP domain in the NHRP network ID that is configured on that interface.



Note This method of assigning a network ID is similar to the Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) concept of process ID in the **router ospf process-id** command. If more than one OSPF process is configured, then the OSPF neighbors and any routing data that they provide is assigned to the OSPF process (domain) by which interfaces map to the *network* arguments under the different **router ospf process-id** configuration blocks.

We recommend that the same NHRP network ID be used on the GRE interfaces on all routers that are in the same NHRP network. It is then easier to track which GRE interfaces are members of which NHRP network.

NHRP domains (network IDs) can be unique on each GRE tunnel interface on a router. This is required when running DMVPN phase 1 or phase 2 or when using a tunnel key on the GRE interfaces. These unique IDs place each GRE interface into a different NHRP domain, which is equivalent to each being in a unique DMVPN.

NHRP domains can span across GRE tunnel interfaces on a route. This option is available when running DMVPN phase 3 and not using a tunnel key on the GRE tunnel interfaces. In this case the effect of using the same NHRP network ID on the GRE tunnel interfaces is to merge the two GRE interfaces into a single NHRP network (DMVPN network).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip address** *ip-address network-mask*
5. **ip nhrp network-id** *number*
6. **end**

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Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface tunnel 100</pre>	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip address <i>ip-address network-mask</i> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip address 10.0.0.1 255.255.255.0</pre>	Enables IP and gives the interface an IP address.
Step 5	ip nhrp network-id <i>number</i> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip nhrp network-id 1</pre>	Enables NHRP on the interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	end Example: Router(config)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring a Static IP-to-NBMA Address Mapping on a Station

Perform this task to configure static IP-to-NBMA address mapping on a station (host or router). To enable IP multicast and broadcast packets to be sent to the statically configured station, use the **ip nhrp map multicast nbma-address** command. This command is required on multipoint GRE tunnels and not required on point-point RE tunnels.

To participate in NHRP, a station connected to an NBMA network must be configured with the IP and NBMA addresses of its NHSs. The format of the NBMA address depends on the medium you are using. For example, GRE uses a network service access point (NSAP) address, Ethernet uses a MAC address, and SMDS uses an E.164 address.

These NHSs may also be the default or peer routers of the station, so their addresses can be obtained from the network layer forwarding table of the station.

If the station is attached to several link layer networks (including logical NBMA networks), the station should also be configured to receive routing information from its NHSs and peer routers so that it can determine which IP networks are reachable through which link layer networks.

Perform this task to configure static IP-to-NBMA address mapping on a station (host or router). To enable IP multicast and broadcast packets to be sent to the statically configured station, use the **ip nhrp map multicast nbma-address** command. This step is required on multipoint GRE tunnels and not required on point-point RE tunnels.



Note The IGP routing protocol uses IP multicast or broadcast, so the **ip nhrp map multicast** command, though optional, is often required.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip nhrp map** *ip-address nbma-address*
5. **ip nhrp map multicast** *nbma-address*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example:	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface type number Example: Router(config)# interface tunnel 100	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip nhrp map ip-address nbma-address Example: Router(config-if)# ip nhrp map 10.0.0.2 172.16.1.2	Configures static IP-to-NBMA address mapping on the station.
Step 5	ip nhrp map multicast nbma-address Example: Router(config-if)# ip nhrp map multicast 172.16.1.12	(Optional) Adds an NBMA address to receive multicast or broadcast packets sent out the interface. Note This command is not required on point-to-point GRE tunnels.

Statically Configuring a Next Hop Server

Perform this task to statically configure a Next Hop Server.

An NHS normally uses the network layer forwarding table to determine where to forward NHRP packets and to find the egress point from an NBMA network. An NHS may also be statically configured with a set of IP address prefixes that correspond to the IP addresses of the stations it serves, and their logical NBMA network identifiers.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. interface type number
4. ip nhrp nhs nhs-address [net-address [netmask]]

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface type number Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface tunnel 100</pre>	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip nhrp nhs nhs-address [net-address [netmask]] Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip nhrp nhs 10.0.0.2</pre>	Statically configures a Next Hop Server. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To configure multiple networks that the Next Hop Server serves, repeat the ip nhrp nhs command with the same Next Hop Server address, but different IP network addresses. • To configure additional Next Hop Servers, repeat the ip nhrp nhs command.

Changing the Length of Time NBMA Addresses Are Advertised as Valid

Perform this task to change the length of time that NBMA addresses are advertised as valid in positive NHRP responses. In this context, *advertised* means how long the Cisco IOS XE software tells other routers to keep the address mappings it is providing in NHRP responses. The default length of time is 7200 seconds (2 hours).

This configuration controls how long a spoke-to-spoke shortcut path will stay up after it is no longer used or how often the spoke-to-spoke short-cut path mapping entry will be refreshed if it is still being used. We recommend that a value from 300 to 600 seconds be used.

The **ip nhrp holdtime** command controls how often the NHRP NHC will send NHRP registration requests to its configured NHRP NHSs. Effective with Cisco IOS XE 16.2.1 Release, the default value to send NHRP registrations is every two-third the NHRP holdtime value (default = 600 seconds (10 minutes)).



Note For the devices prior to Cisco IOS XE 16.2.1 Release, the NHRP default holdtime is 2400 seconds.

The optional **ip nhrp registration timeout value** command can be used to set the interval for sending NHRP registration requests independently from the NHRP holdtime.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface type number**
4. **ip nhrp holdtime seconds**
5. **ip nhrp registration timeout seconds**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type</i> <i>number</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface tunnel 100</pre>	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip nhrp holdtime <i>seconds</i> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip nhrp holdtime 600</pre>	Changes the number of seconds that NHRP NBMA addresses are advertised as valid in positive NHRP responses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this example, NHRP NBMA addresses are advertised as valid in positive NHRP responses for 10 minutes. <p>Note The recommended NHRP hold time value ranges from 300 to 600 seconds. Although a higher value can be used when required, we recommend that you do not use a value less than 300 seconds, and if used, it should be used with extreme caution.</p>
Step 5	ip nhrp registration timeout <i>seconds</i> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip nhrp registration timeout 100</pre>	(Optional) Changes the interval that NHRP NHCs send NHRP registration requests to configured NHRP NHSS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this example, NHRP registration requests are now sent every 100 seconds (default value is one third NHRP holdtime value).

Specifying the NHRP Authentication String

Perform this task to specify the authentication string for NHRP on an interface.

Configuring an authentication string ensures that only routers configured with the same string can communicate using NHRP. Therefore, if the authentication scheme is to be used, the same string must be configured in all devices configured for NHRP on a fabric.



Note We recommend using an NHRP authentication string, especially to help keep multiple NHRP domains separate from each other. The NHRP authentication string is not encrypted, so it cannot be used as a true authentication for an NHRP node trying to enter the NHRP network.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip nhrp authentication** *string*
5. **exit**
6. **show ip nhrp** [**dynamic** | **static**] [*type number*]
7. **show ip nhrp traffic**
8. **show ip nhrp nhs** [**detail**]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Router(config)# interface tunnel 100	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip nhrp authentication <i>string</i> Example: Router(config-if)# ip nhrp authentication specialxx	Specifies an authentication string. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All routers configured with NHRP within one logical NBMA network must share the same authentication string.
Step 5	exit Example: Router(config-if)# exit	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	show ip nhrp [dynamic static] [<i>type number</i>] Example:	Displays the IP NHRP cache, which can be limited to dynamic or static cache entries for a specific interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Router# show ip nhrp	
Step 7	show ip nhrp traffic Example: Router# show ip nhrp traffic	Displays NHRP traffic statistics.
Step 8	show ip nhrp nhs [detail] Example: Router# show ip nhrp nhs detail	Displays NHRP holdtime details.

Configuring NHRP Server-Only Mode

Perform this task to configure NHRP server-only mode.

You can configure an interface so that it will not initiate or respond to an attempt to establish an NHRP shortcut SVCs. Configure NHRP server-only mode on routers that you do not want building NHRP shortcut SVCs.

Configuring the router in NHRP server-only mode stops a router from initiating NHRP resolution requests and also from responding to an NHRP resolution request for any prefix where this router is the exit point from the NBMA network for the prefix in the request. However, this will not stop the router from forwarding NHRP resolution requests and responses that would be or have been answered by other nodes.

If an interface is placed in NHRP server-only mode, you have the option to specify the **ip nhrp server-only [non-caching]** command keyword. In this case, NHRP does not store mapping information in the NHRP cache, such as NHRP responses that go through the router. To save memory and block building of NHRP shortcuts, the non-caching option is generally used on a router located between two other NHRP routers (NHRP hubs).



Note From Cisco IOS XE Release 16.12.x, configuring NHRP in the server-only mode on a router does not delete dynamically registered NHRP cache entries. The persistence of dynamically registered NHRP cache entries ensures that the NHRP server-only configuration on a hub does not affect spoke-hub sessions.

Perform this task to configure NHRP server-only mode.



Note When the **ip nhrp server-only** command is applied on Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers, any data IP packets that are being forwarded out of the tunnel interface to a destination IP that does not have a current NHRP mapping for the next-hop IP address, are dropped. For this reason, it is recommend that the **ip nhrp server-only** command is configured on Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers only if the router is used as a hub node (NHS) in the NBMA network.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**

2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type* *number*
4. **ip nhrp server-only** [non-caching]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type</i> <i>number</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface tunnel 100</pre>	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip nhrp server-only [non-caching] Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip nhrp server-only non-caching</pre>	Configures NHRP server-only mode.

Controlling the Triggering of NHRP

There are two ways to control when NHRP is triggered on any platform. These methods are described in the following sections:

Triggering NHRP on a Per-Destination Basis

Perform the following task to trigger NHRP on a per-destination basis.

You can specify an IP access list that is used to decide which IP packets can trigger the sending of NHRP resolution requests. By default, all non-NHRP packets trigger NHRP resolution requests. To limit which IP packets trigger NHRP resolution requests, define an access list and then apply it to the interface.



Note NHRP resolution requests are used to build direct paths between two NHRP nodes. Even though certain traffic is excluded from triggering the building of this path, if the path is already built then this “excluded” traffic will use the direct path.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**

2. configure terminal**3.** Do one of the following:

- **access-list** *access-list-number* {deny | permit} *source*[*source-wildcard*]
- **access-list** *access-list-number* {deny | permit} *protocol source source-wildcard destination destination-wildcard*[**precedence** *precedence*] [**tos** *tos*] [**established**] [**log**]

4. interface *type* *number***5. ip nhrp interest** *access-list-number***DETAILED STEPS**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	Do one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access-list <i>access-list-number</i> {deny permit} <i>source</i>[<i>source-wildcard</i>] • access-list <i>access-list-number</i> {deny permit} <i>protocol source source-wildcard destination destination-wildcard</i>[precedence <i>precedence</i>] [tos <i>tos</i>] [established] [log] Example: <pre>Router(config)# access-list 101 permit ip any any</pre> Example: <pre>Router(config)# access-list 101 deny ip any 10.3.0.0 0.0.255.255</pre>	Defines a standard or extended IP access list.
Step 4	interface <i>type</i> <i>number</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface tunnel 100</pre>	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5	ip nhrp interest <i>access-list-number</i> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip nhrp interest 101</pre>	Specifies an IP access list that controls NHRP requests. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this example, only the packets that pass extended access list 101 are subject to the default SVC triggering and teardown rates.

Triggering NHRP on a Packet Count Basis

By default, when the software attempts to send a data packet to a destination for which it has determined that NHRP can be used, it sends an NHRP request for that destination. Perform this task to configure the system to wait until a specified number of data packets have been sent to a particular destination before NHRP is attempted.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip nhrp use** *usage-count*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Router(config)# interface tunnel 100	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip nhrp use <i>usage-count</i> Example: Router(config-if)# ip nhrp use 5	Specifies how many data packets are sent to a destination before NHRP is attempted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this example, if in the first minute five packets are sent to the first destination and five packets are sent to a second destination, then a single NHRP request is generated for the second destination. • If in the second minute the same traffic is generated and no NHRP responses have been received, then the system resends its request for the second destination.

Triggering NHRP Based on Traffic Thresholds

NHRP can run on Cisco Express Forwarding platforms when NHRP runs with Border Gateway Protocol (BGP). You can configure NHRP to initiate SVCs once a configured traffic rate is reached. Similarly, SVCs can be torn down when traffic falls to another configured rate.

You can configure the traffic rate that must be reached before NHRP sets up or tears down an SVC. Because SVCs are created only for burst traffic, you can conserve resources.

To configure the NHRP triggering and teardown of SVCs based on traffic rate, perform the following tasks. The first task is required; the second and third tasks are optional.

Changing the Rate for Triggering SVCs

Perform this task to change the number of kilobits per second (kbps) at which NHRP sets up or tears down the SVC to this destination.

When NHRP runs with BGP, there is a way to control the triggering of NHRP packets. This method consists of SVCs being initiated based on the input traffic rate to a given BGP next hop.

When BGP discovers a BGP next hop and enters this BGP route into the routing table, an NHRP request is sent to the BGP next hop. When an NHRP reply is received, a subsequent route is put in the NHRP cache that directly corresponds to the BGP next hop.

A new NHRP request is sent to the same BGP next hop to repopulate the NHRP cache. When an NHRP cache entry is generated, a subsequent map statement to the same BGP next hop is also created.

Aggregate traffic to each BGP next hop is measured and monitored. Once the aggregate traffic has met or exceeded the configured trigger rate, NHRP creates an SVC and sends traffic directly to that destination router. The router tears down the SVC to the specified destinations when the aggregate traffic rate falls to or below the configured teardown rate.

By default, NHRP will set up an SVC for a destination when aggregate traffic for that destination is more than 1 kbps over a running average of 30 seconds. Similarly, NHRP will tear down the SVC when the traffic for that destination drops to 0 kbps over a running average of 30 seconds. There are several ways to change the rate at which SVC setup or teardown occurs. You can change the number of kbps thresholds, or the load interval, or both.

Before you begin

Before you configure the feature whereby NHRP initiation is based on traffic rate, the following conditions must exist in the router:

- GRE must be configured.
- CEF switching or distributed CEF (dCEF) switching must be enabled.
- BGP must be configured on all routers in the network where these enhancements are running.

If your network has CEF switching or dCEF switching and you want NHRP to work (whether with default values or changed values), configure the **ip cef accounting non-recursive** command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip nhrp trigger-svc** *trigger-threshold teardown-threshold*

DETAILED STEPS

	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	interface <i>type</i> <i>number</i> Example: Router(config)# interface tunnel 100	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip nhrp trigger-svc <i>trigger-threshold</i> <i>teardown-threshold</i> Example: Router(config-if)# ip nhrp trigger-svc 100 5	Changes the rate at which NHRP sets up or tears down SVCs. • In this example, the triggering and teardown thresholds are set to 100 kbps and 5 kbps, respectively.

Changing the Sampling Time Period and Sampling Rate

You can change the length of time over which the average trigger rate or teardown rate is calculated. By default, the period is 30 seconds; the range is from 30 to 300 seconds in 30-second increments. This period is for calculations of aggregate traffic rate internal to Cisco IOS XE software only, and it represents a worst-case time period for taking action. In some cases, the software will act sooner, depending on the ramp-up and fall-off rate of the traffic.

If your Cisco hardware has a Virtual Interface Processor, version 2 adapter, you must perform this task to change the sampling time. By default, the port adapter sends the traffic statistics to the Route Processor every 10 seconds. If you are using NHRP in dCEF switching mode, you must change this update rate to 5 seconds.

Perform this task to change the sampling time period and the sampling rate.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip cef traffic-statistics** [*load-interval seconds*]
4. **ip cef traffic-statistics** [*update-rate seconds*]

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Router> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	ip cef traffic-statistics [load-interval seconds] Example: Router(config)# ip cef traffic-statistics load-interval 120	Changes the length of time in a sampling period during which trigger and teardown thresholds are averaged. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In this example, the triggering and teardown thresholds are calculated based on an average over 120 seconds.
Step 4	ip cef traffic-statistics [update-rate seconds] Example: Router(config)# ip cef traffic-statistics update-rate 5	Specifies the frequency that the port adapter sends the accounting statistics to the RP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When using NHRP in distributed CEF switching mode, this value must be set to 5 seconds. The default value is 10 seconds.

Applying the Triggering and Teardown Rates to Specific Destinations

Perform this task to impose the triggering and teardown rates on certain destinations. By default, all destinations are measured and monitored for NHRP triggering.

SUMMARY STEPS

- enable
- configure terminal
- Do one of the following:
 - access-list** *access-list-number* {deny | permit} *source*[*source-wildcard*]
 - access-list** *access-list-number* {deny | permit} *protocol source source-wildcard destination destination-wildcard*[**precedence** *precedence*] [**tos** *tos*] [**log**]
- interface *type* *number*
- ip nhrp interest *access-list-number*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example:	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	<p>Do one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access-list <i>access-list-number</i> {deny permit} <i>source[source-wildcard]</i> • access-list <i>access-list-number</i> {deny permit} <i>protocol source source-wildcard destination destination-wildcard[precedence precedence] [tos tos] [log]</i> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config)# access-list 101 permit ip any any</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config)# access-list 101 deny ip any 10.3.0.0 0.0.255.255</pre>	<p>Defines a standard or extended IP access list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the example an extended access list is defined.
Step 4	<p>interface <i>type number</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config)# interface tunnel 100</pre>	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5	<p>ip nhrp interest <i>access-list-number</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Router(config-if)# ip nhrp interest 101</pre>	<p>Specifies an IP access list that controls NHRP requests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this example, only the packets that pass extended access list 101 are subject to the default SVC triggering and teardown rates.

Controlling the NHRP Packet Rate

Perform this task to change the maximum rate at which NHRP packets will be handled.

There is the maximum value (max-send interval) for the number of NHRP messages that the local NHRP process can handle within a set period of time. This limit protects the router against events like a runaway NHRP process sending NHRP requests or an application (worm) that is doing an IP address scan that is triggering many spoke-to-spoke tunnels.

The larger the max-send interval the more NHRP packets the system can process and send. These messages do not use much memory and the CPU usage is not very large per message; however, excessive messages causing excessive CPU usage can degrade system performance.

To set a reasonable max-send-interval, consider the following information:

- Number of spoke routers being handled by this hub and how often they send NHRP registration requests. To support this load you would need:

Number of spokes/registration timeout * max-send interval

For example, 500 spokes with a 100-second registration timeout would equate as follows:

$\text{max-send interval} = 500/100 * 10 = 50$

- The maximum number of spoke-to-spoke tunnels that are expected to be up at any one time across the NBMA network:

$\text{spoke-to-spoke tunnels/NHRP holdtime} * \text{max-send interval}$

This would cover spoke-to-spoke tunnel creation and the refreshing of spoke-to-spoke tunnels that are used for longer periods of time.

Then add these values together and multiply the result by 1.5 or 2.0 to give a buffer.

- The max-send interval can be used to keep the long-term average number of NHRP messages allowed to be sent constant, but allow greater peaks.

By default, the maximum rate at which the software sends NHRP packets is five packets per 10 seconds. The software maintains a per-interface quota of NHRP packets (whether generated locally or forwarded) that can be sent.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip nhrp max-send** *pkt-count every interval*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Router(config)# interface tunnel 100	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip nhrp max-send <i>pkt-count every interval</i> Example: Router(config-if)# ip nhrp max-send 10 every 10	In this example, ten NHRP packets can be sent from the interface every 10 seconds (twice the default rate).

Suppressing Forward and Reverse Record Options

To dynamically detect link layer filtering in NBMA networks (for example, SMDS address screens), and to provide loop detection and diagnostic capabilities, NHRP incorporates a Route Record in request and reply packets. The Route Record options contain the network (and link layer) addresses of all intermediate Next Hop Servers between the source and destination (in the forward direction) and between the destination and source (in the reverse direction).

By default, Forward Record options and Reverse Record options are included in NHRP request and reply packets. Perform this task to suppress forward and reverse record options.



Note Forward and Reverse Record information is required for the proper operation of NHRP, especially in a DMVPN network. Therefore you must not configure suppression of this information.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type* *number*
4. **no ip nhrp record**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type</i> <i>number</i> Example: Router(config)# interface tunnel 100	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	no ip nhrp record Example: Router(config-if)# no ip nhrp record	Suppresses Forward and Reverse Record options.

Specifying the NHRP Responder IP Address

An NHRP requester that wants to know which Next Hop Server generates an NHRP reply packet can include the responder address option in its NHRP request packet. The Next Hop Server that generates the NHRP reply packet then complies by inserting its own IP address in the NHRP reply. The Next Hop Server uses the primary IP address of the specified interface.

Perform this task to specify which interface the Next Hop Server uses for the NHRP responder IP address.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip nhrp responder** *type number*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Router> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Router# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: <pre>Router(config)# interface serial 0</pre>	Configures a serial interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip nhrp responder <i>type number</i> Example: <pre>Router(config-if)# ip nhrp responder serial 0</pre>	Specifies which interface the Next Hop Server uses for the NHRP responder IP address. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this example, any NHRP requests for the Responder Address will cause this router acting as a next-hop server to supply the primary IP address of serial interface 0 in the NHRP reply packet. • If an NHRP reply packet being forwarded by a Next Hop Server contains the IP address of that server, the Next Hop Server generates an error indication of type “NHRP Loop Detected” and discards the reply.

Clearing the NHRP Cache

The NHRP cache can contain entries of statically configured NHRP mappings and dynamic entries caused by the Cisco IOS XE software learning addresses from NHRP packets. To clear statically configured entries, use the **no ip nhrp map** command in interface configuration mode.

Perform the following task to clear the NHRP cache.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **clear ip nhrp** [*ip-address*] [*ip-mask*]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	clear ip nhrp [<i>ip-address</i>] [<i>ip-mask</i>] Example: Router# clear ip nhrp	Clears the IP NHRP cache of dynamic entries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This command does not clear any static (configured) IP to NBMA address mappings from the NHRP cache.

Limiting NHRP Cache Entries

The NHRP cache can contain entries of statically configured NHRP mappings and dynamic entries caused by the Cisco IOS XE software learning addresses from NHRP packets.

Perform the following task to limit the number of NHRP cache entries on a device. This limit is cumulative and is the maximum number of NHRP entries that can be cached on the device across all VRFs and NHRP instances.

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- Step 1** **enable**
- Example:**
 Device> enable
- Enables privileged EXEC mode.
 Enter your password if prompted.
- Step 2** **configure terminal**
- Example:**
 Device# configure terminal
- Enters global configuration mode.

Step 3 **nhrp cache limit** *max-entries* {**fifo**|**lifo**}**Example:**

```
Device(config)# nhrp cache limit 65536
```

- Limits the number of entries in the NHRP cache to *max-entries*.

Range: 1 - 2147483646

Default: There is no limit on the number of cache entries if this command is not configured.

- **fifo**: The oldest cache entry is purged when the number of cache entries exceeds the configured limit.

Note If you configure the **fifo** mode, you must delete all cache entries globally before the limit is applied in this mode. If you do not delete the cache entries, parser return code (PRC) failure occurs and the device reports the following error message: ‘Please delete all NHRP Cache entries before using FIFO for limiting Cache table.’

- **lifo**: The newest cache entry is purged when the number of cache entries exceeds the configured limit. In this mode, if the number of cache entries exceeds the limit at the time of configuration, the limit is applied only after the number of cache entries falls below the configured limit.

Step 4 **end****Example:**

```
Device(config)# end
```

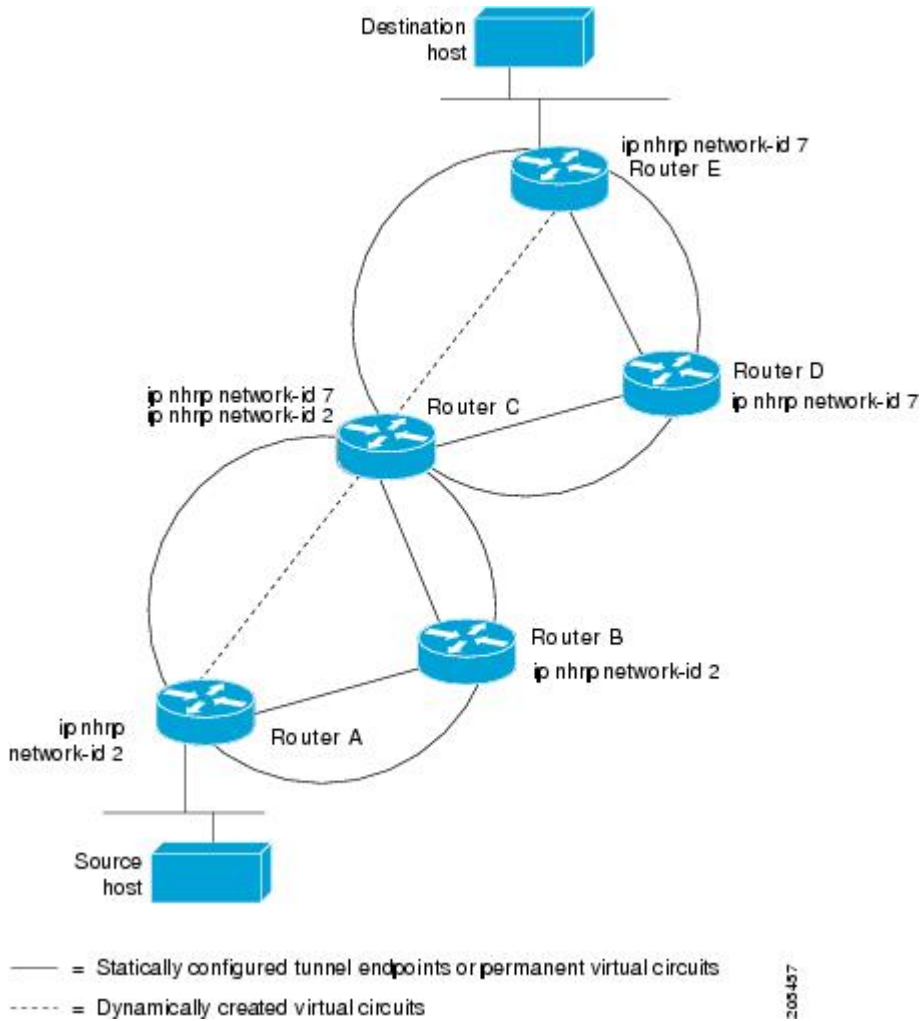
Exits configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuration Examples for NHRP

Physical Network Designs for Logical NBMA Examples

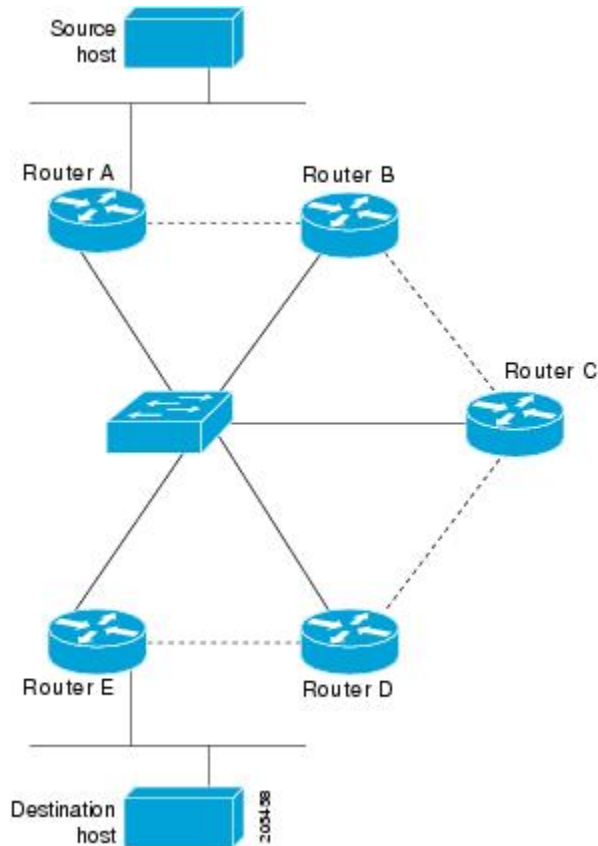
A logical NBMA network is considered the group of interfaces and hosts participating in NHRP and having the same network identifier. The figure below illustrates two logical NBMA networks (shown as circles) configured over a single physical NBMA network. Router A can communicate with routers B and C because they share network identifier (2). Router C can also communicate with routers D and E because they share network identifier 7. After address resolution is complete, router A can send IP packets to router C in one hop, and router C can send them to router E in one hop, as shown by the dotted lines.

Figure 2: Two Logical NBMA Networks over One Physical NBMA Network



The physical configuration of the five routers in the figure above might actually be that shown in the figure below. The source host is connected to router A and the destination host is connected to router E. The same switch serves all five routers, making one physical NBMA network.

Figure 3: Physical Configuration of a Sample NBMA Network



Refer again to the first figure above. Initially, before NHRP has resolved any NBMA addresses, IP packets from the source host to the destination host travel through all five routers connected to the switch before reaching the destination. When router A first forwards the IP packet toward the destination host, router A also generates an NHRP request for the IP address of the destination host. The request is forwarded to router C, whereupon a reply is generated. Router C replies because it is the egress router between the two logical NBMA networks.

Similarly, router C generates an NHRP request of its own, to which router E replies. In this example, subsequent IP traffic between the source and the destination still requires two hops to traverse the NBMA network, because the IP traffic must be forwarded between the two logical NBMA networks. Only one hop would be required if the NBMA network were not logically divided.

Applying NHRP Rates to Specific Destinations Example

In the following example, only the packets that pass extended access list 101 are subject to the default SVC triggering and teardown rates:

```
interface tunnel 100
 ip nhrp interest 101
!
access-list 101 permit ip any any
access-list 101 deny ip any 10.3.0.0 0.0.255.255
```

NHRP on a Multipoint Tunnel Example

With multipoint tunnels, a single tunnel interface may be connected to multiple neighboring routers. Unlike point-to-point tunnels, a tunnel destination need not be configured. In fact, if configured, the tunnel destination must correspond to an IP multicast address. Broadcast or multicast packets to be sent over the tunnel interface can then be sent by sending the GRE packet to the multicast address configured as the tunnel destination.

Multipoint tunnels require that you configure a tunnel key. Otherwise, unexpected GRE traffic could easily be received by the tunnel interface. For simplicity, we recommend that the tunnel key correspond to the NHRP network identifier.

In the following example, routers A and B share a GigabitEthernet segment. Minimal connectivity over the multipoint tunnel network is configured, thus creating a network that can be treated as a partially meshed NBMA network.

The significant portions of the configurations for routers A and B follow:

Router A Configuration

```
interface tunnel 1
 ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
 no ip redirects
 ip nhrp authentication cisco
 ip nhrp map multicast dynamic
 ip nhrp network-id 123
 no ip split-horizon eigrp 100
 tunnel source GigabitEthernet 0/0/7
 tunnel mode gre multipoint
 tunnel key 123
 tunnel protection ipsec profile DMVPN
interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/7
 ip address 10.1.2.1 255.255.255.0
```

Router B Configuration

```
interface tunnel 1
 ip address 10.1.1.2 255.255.255.0
 no ip redirects
 ip nhrp authentication cisco
 ip nhrp map multicast dynamic
 ip nhrp map multicast 10.1.2.1
 ip nhrp map 10.1.1.1 10.1.2.1
 ip nhrp network-id 123
 ip nhrp nhs 10.1.1.1
 tunnel source GigabitEthernet 0/1
 tunnel mode gre multipoint
 tunnel key 123
 tunnel protection ipsec profile DMVPN
interface GigabitEthernet 0/1
 ip address 10.1.2.2 255.255.255.0
```

Show NHRP Examples

The following is sample output from the **show ip nhrp** command:

```
Router# show ip nhrp
```

```

10.1.1.2/32 via 10.1.1.2, Tunnel1 created created 22:59:16, expire 01:35:31
  Type: dynamic, Flags: unique registered
  NBMA address: 10.1.2.2
10.1.1.3/32 via 10.1.1.3, Tunnel1 created 21:59:16, expire 01:20:44
  Type: dynamic, Flags: unique registered
  NBMA address: 10.1.1.2

```

The fields in the sample display are as follows:

- The IP address and its network mask in the IP-to-NBMA address cache. The mask is always 255.255.255.255 (/32) because Cisco does not support aggregation of NBMA information through NHRP.
- The interface type and number and how long ago it was created (hours:minutes:seconds).
- The time in which the positive and negative authoritative NBMA address will expire (hours:minutes:seconds). This value is based on the **ip nhrp holdtime** command.
- Type of interface:
 - dynamic--NBMA address was obtained from the NHRP Request packet.
 - static--NBMA address was statically configured.
- Flags:
 - authoritative--Indicates that the NHRP information was obtained from the Next Hop Server or router that maintains the NBMA-to-IP address mapping for a particular destination.
 - implicit--Indicates that the information was learned from the source mapping information of an NHRP resolution request received by the local router, or from an NHRP resolution packet being forwarded through the local router.
 - negative--For negative caching; indicates that the requested NBMA mapping could not be obtained.
 - unique--Indicates that this NHRP mapping entry must be unique; it cannot be overwritten with a mapping entry that has the same IP address but a different NBMA address.
 - registered--Indicates the NHRP mapping entry was created by an NHRP registration request.
 - used--Indicates the NHRP mapping was used to forward data packets within the last 60 seconds.
 - router--Indicates an NHRP mapping entry that is from a remote router that is providing access to a network or host behind the remote router.
 - local--Indicates an NHRP mapping entry for networks local to this router for which this router has answered an NHRP resolution request.
 - (no socket)--Indicates an NHRP mapping entry for which IPsec socket (for encryption) has not been triggered. These mapping entries are not used to forward data packets.
 - nat--Indicates an NHRP mapping entry for which IPsec socket (for encryption) has not been triggered. These mapping entries are not used to forward data packets.
 - NBMA address--Nonbroadcast multiaccess address. The address format is appropriate for the type of network being used (for example, GRE, Ethernet, SMDS, or multipoint tunnel)

The following example shows output for a specific tunnel, tunnel7:

Router# show ip nhrp traffic interface tunnel0

```

Tunnel0: Max-send limit:100Pkts/10Sec, Usage:0%
  Sent: Total 79
        18 Resolution Request  10 Resolution Reply  42 Registration Request
         0 Registration Reply  3 Purge Request   6 Purge Reply
         0 Error Indication  0 Traffic Indication
  Rcvd: Total 69

```

```

10 Resolution Request  15 Resolution Reply  0 Registration Request
36 Registration Reply  6 Purge Request   2 Purge Reply
0 Error Indication   0 Traffic Indication

```

The fields shown in the sample display are as follows:

- Tunnel0--Interface type and number.
- Max-send limit--Maximum number of NHRP messages that can be sent by this station in the given interval.
- Resolution Request--Number of NHRP resolution request packets originated from or received by this station.
- Resolution Reply--Number of NHRP resolution reply packets originated from or received by this station.
- Registration Request--Number of NHRP resolution reply packets originated from or received by this station.
- Registration Reply--Number of NHRP registration reply packets originated from or received by this station.
- Purge Request--Number of NHRP reply packets received by this station.
- Purge Reply--Number of NHRP register packets originated from this station. Routers and access servers do not send register packets, so this value is 0.
- Error Indication--Number of NHRP error packets originated from or received by this station.
- Traffic Indication--Number of NHRP traffic indication packets (redirects) originated or received from this station.

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to configuring NHRP.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
The DMVPN feature allows users to better scale large and small IP Security (IPsec) Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) by combining generic routing encapsulation (GRE) tunnels, IPsec encryption, and Next Hop Resolution Protocol (NHRP).	“Dynamic Multipoint VPN” module
NRHP commands	<i>Cisco IOS IP Addressing Services Command Reference</i>

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 2332	NBMA Next Hop Resolution Protocol (NHRP)

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
<p>The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.</p>	http://www.cisco.com/techsupport

Feature Information for Configuring NHRP

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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Table 1: Feature Information for NHRP

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Configuration Information
Next Hop Resolution Protocol	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	<p>NHRP is an Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)-like protocol that dynamically maps an NBMA network. With NHRP, systems attached to an NBMA network can dynamically learn the NBMA (physical) address of the other systems that are part of that network, allowing these systems to directly communicate.</p> <p>NHRP is a client and server protocol where the hub is the Next Hop Server (NHS) and the spokes are the Next Hop Clients (NHCs). The hub maintains an NHRP database of the public interface addresses of each spoke. Each spoke registers its real address when it boots and queries the NHRP database for real addresses of the destination spokes to build direct tunnels.</p>



CHAPTER 3

Shortcut Switching Enhancements for NHRP in DMVPN Networks

Routers in a Dynamic Multipoint VPN (DMVPN) Phase 3 network use Next Hop Resolution Protocol (NHRP) Shortcut Switching to discover shorter paths to a destination network after receiving an NHRP redirect message from the hub. This allows the routers to communicate directly with each other without the need for an intermediate hop.

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Finding Feature Information

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

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Information About Shortcut Switching Enhancements for NHRP

DMVPN Phase 3 Networks Overview

In a DMVPN Phase 3 network, separate regional DMVPN networks are connected together into a single hierarchical DMVPN network. Spokes in different regions use NHRP to build direct spoke-to-spoke tunnels with each other, bypassing both the regional and the central hubs. When building spoke-to-spoke tunnels within a region, only the regional hubs are involved in the tunnel setup. When building spoke-to-spoke tunnels between regions, the regional and the central hubs are involved in the tunnel setup.

DMVPN Phase 3 provides improvements over a DMVPN Phase 2 network. For a DMVPN spoke-to-spoke network, the main improvements from Phase 2 are in the increased flexibility in laying out the base DMVPN network. DMVPN Phase 3 allows a hierarchical hub design whereas DMVPN Phase 2 relies on “daisy-chaining” of hubs for scaling the network. DMVPN Phase 3 also removes some of the restrictions on the routing protocols required by Phase 2 (OSPF broadcast mode and non split-tunneling). DMVPN Phase 3 is not expected to change the number of spokes that a single DMVPN hub can support but it may reduce the CPU load of the routing protocol on the hub.

Benefits of NHRP Shortcut Switching Enhancements

Cisco has developed NHRP shortcut switching model enhancements that allow for more scalable DMVPN implementations. This model provides the following benefits:

- Allows summarization of routing protocol updates from hub to spokes. The spokes no longer need to have an individual route with an IP next hop of the tunnel IP address of the remote spoke for the networks behind all the other spokes. The spoke can use summarized routes with an IP next hop of the tunnel IP address of the hub and still be able to build spoke-to-spoke tunnels. It can reduce the load on the routing protocol running on the hub router. You can reduce the load because, when you can summarize the networks behind the spokes to a few summary routes or even one summary route, the hub routing protocol only has to advertise the few or one summary route to each spoke rather than all of the individual spoke routes. For example, with 1000 spokes and one router per spoke, the hub receives 1000 routes but only has to advertise one summary route to each spoke (equivalent to 1000 advertisements, one per spoke) instead of the 1,000,000 advertisements it had to process in the prior implementation of DMVPN.
- Provides better alternatives to static daisy-chaining of hubs for expanding DMVPN spoke-to-spoke networks. The hubs must still be interconnected, but they are not restricted to just a daisy-chain pattern. The routing table is used to forward data packets and NHRP control packets between the hubs. The routing table allows efficient forwarding of packets to the correct hub rather than having request and reply packets traversing through all of the hub routers.
- Allows for expansion of DMVPN spoke-to-spoke networks with OSPF as the routing protocol beyond two hubs. Because the spokes can use routes with the IP next-hop set to the hub router (not the remote spoke router as before), you can configure OSPF to use point-multipoint network mode rather than broadcast network mode. Configuring OSPF to use point-multipoint network mode removes the DR and BDR requirements that restricted the DMVPN network to just two hubs. When using OSPF, each spoke still has all individual routes, because the DMVPN network must be in a single OSPF area but you cannot summarize routes within an OSPF area.
- Allows routing protocols such as ODR to be used and still retain the ability to build dynamic spoke-to-spoke tunnels.
- Allows for hierarchical (greater than one level) and more complex tree-based DMVPN network topologies. Tree-based topologies allow the capability to build DMVPN networks with regional hubs that are spokes of central hubs. This architecture allows the regional hub to handle the data and NHRP control traffic for its regional spokes, but still allows spoke-to-spoke tunnels to be built between any spokes within the DMVPN network, whether they are in the same region or not.
- Enables the use of Cisco Express Forwarding to switch data packets along the routed path until a spoke-to-spoke tunnel is established.

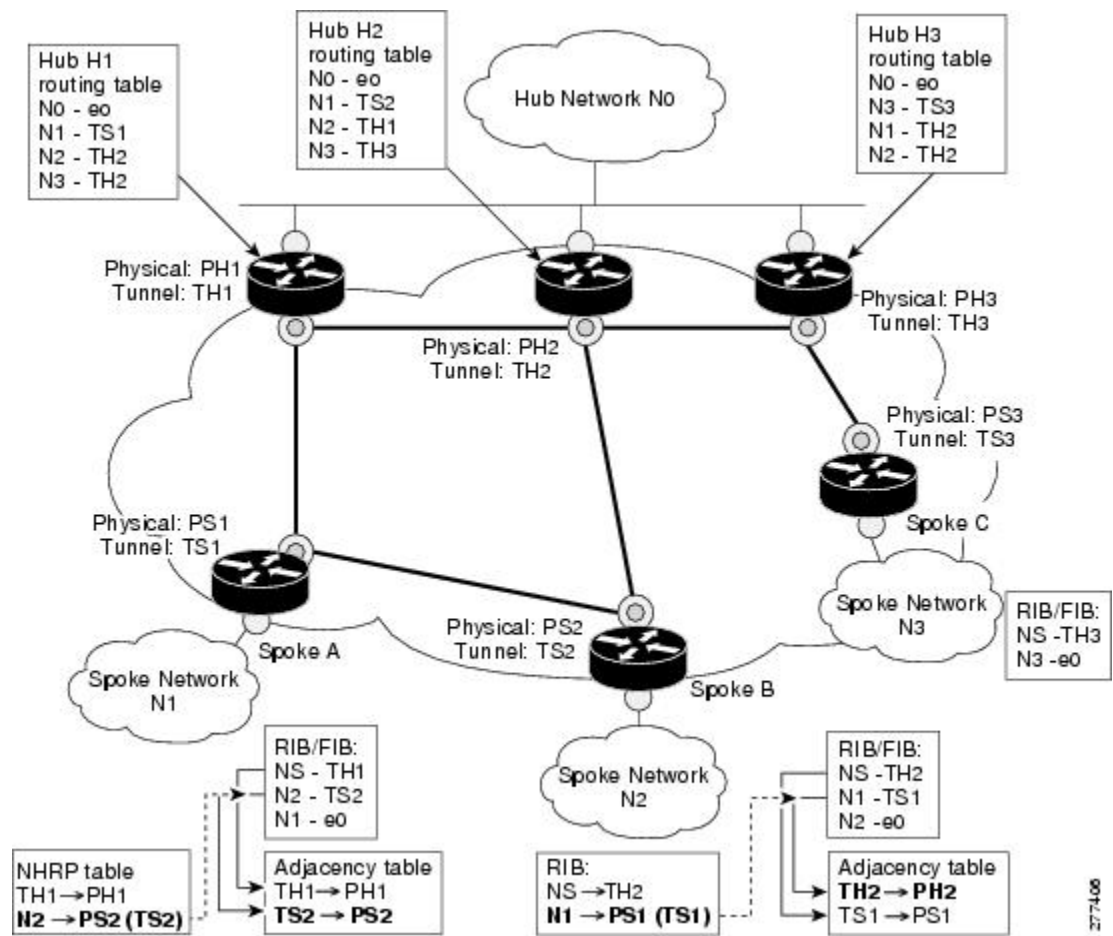
NHRP as a Route Source

To implement shortcut switching, NHRP works as a route source and installs shortcut paths, as NHRP routes, directly into the Routing Information Base (RIB). This means that shortcut paths appear as routes in the routing table and NHRP works in lieu of the routing protocol (for example, RIP, OSPF or EIGRP). The shortcut routes in the RIB are distributed into the Forwarding Information Base (FIB). When a spoke discovers a shortcut path, it adds the path as an NHRP route to its routing table. The RIB and FIB have no special behaviour for shortcut switching and shortcut routes are treated like any other route.

NHRP acts as a route producer to the RIB, but it does not function as a full routing protocol. NHRP manages the route registration, resolution, and purge messages but it does not discover or maintain NHRP neighbors, advertise NHRP routing messages, or inform the network of any network topology changes.

Consider Spoke A in the figure below. It discovers a shortcut path to N2 via Spoke 2's tunnel (overlay) address TS2. It installs the shortcut path in its NHRP mapping table via the entry N2-PS2 (TS2) and it also adds the route to the RIB. The new route in the RIB is then distributed into the FIB and the FIB installs the corresponding adjacency TS2-PS2 in the adjacency table. The new route TS2-PS2 can now be used for forwarding. Note the consistency between the RIB, the FIB, and the adjacency table.

Figure 4: NHRP As A Route Source



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Next Hop Overrides

If an NHRP route in the RIB is identical to another route (owned by another protocol) in the RIB then NHRP overrides the other protocol's next hop entries by installing shortcut next hops in the RIB. NHRP installs shortcut paths into the routing table, not as NHRP routes but as local forwarding paths. The other routing protocols continue to function as normal managing route redistribution and advertisement. NHRP only overrides local forwarding decisions by installing alternate or backup next hops into the routing table.

NHRP Route Watch Infrastructure

In a DMVPN full-mesh design, the hub creates summary routes to each of the spokes (Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) routes). Specific NHRP shortcuts are installed at the spokes by NHRP as and when required. These shortcuts can be viewed as a refinement of the route summaries because they deal with a specific subnet while the summary routes represent super-nets. If the summary route is absent, NHRP cannot discover a shortcut path.

The summary route, or "covering prefix", governs the existence of the NHRP route in the RIB. The removal of a covering prefix in the RIB would lead to the removal of all the corresponding NHRP routes, that were learnt via this covering prefix, from the RIB. The tracking of covering prefixes is done via the Route Watch infrastructure.

A "watched prefix" is a route that immediately precedes an NHRP route. For example, if an NHRP route is 172.16.3.0/24, then the watch-prefix corresponding to it would be 172.16.2.0/23. Each "watched prefix" and its associated "covering prefixes" are tracked by the Route Watch service. A "covering prefix" is defined as the longest matching IGP route in the RIB which is less specific than the "watched prefix". The validity of each NHRP shortcut is determined by the following events:

- If a "covering prefix" is removed so that there is no other IGP route in the RIB "covering" the watched prefix, (the watched prefix is unreachable), then the corresponding NHRP shortcut route is removed.
- If a new IGP route, which is more specific than the covering prefix but less specific than watched prefix, is installed in RIB, then it will become the covering prefix for the watched prefix. If the new covering prefix has a different next hop associated with it, the original shortcut is removed.

In summary, the validity of an NHRP route in the RIB is determined by the less specific, longest match IGP route present in the RIB. NHRP shortcuts are refinements to the routing topology, so shortcut paths are added to the RIB without modifying the routing topology.

NHRP Purge Request Reply

When an NHRP hub replies to a resolution request, it creates a local NHRP mapping entry. The local mapping entry is a network entry for which NHRP has sent a reply. The local mapping entry maintains a list of requesters. When a network entry is modified or deleted in the routing table, NHRP is notified of the event. NHRP finds the local cache entry for the network and sends a purge request to the requesters that the network to which it previously replied has changed. The receivers of the purge message delete the corresponding NHRP mapping entry from its table and send a purge reply indicating that the purge message was processed successfully.

How to Configure Shortcut Switching for NHRP

NHRP Smart Defaults

NHRP Smart default commands are:

- **ipipv6 nhrp map multicast dynamic**
- **ipipv6 nhrp registration no-unique**
- **ipipv6 nhrp holdtime 600**—default hold time is 6 mins and registrations are sent every 2 mins
- **ipipv6 nhrp shortcut**—enabled or disabled by default according to whether or not the interface is multipoint or p2p
- **ipipv6 nhrp network-id**—enabled by default where ID is the tunnel key or the tunnel interface number (in the absence of a tunnel key)
- **ipipv6 nhrp path preference**—the preference is 255 by default, meaning spoke-spoke routes are always ECMP irrespective of the spoke-hub cost ratio (unless the preference ratio is configured to match the IGP metric ratio). NHRP cache entries are created with a preference that is received in the packet. The preference that is sent in the packet is based on what is configured on the interface using **ipipv6 nhrp path preference <1-255>**. The ratio of preferences for cache entries created for the same prefix also decides the ratio of metric of NHRP routes (ratio of metric is the inverse ratio of preference). Hence, CEF load balances traffic over multiple paths in the ratio of the corresponding cache preferences. This can be used for egress load-balancing (equal or unequal cost) or ingress traffic engineering over a dynamic spoke-spoke tunnel. The default value of the cache preference is changed to 255 from 0.



Note The default values do not display when you use the **show run** command but are displayed when you use **show run all** command. However, user configured values override default values.

Enabling NHRP Shortcut Switching on an Interface

Perform this task to enable shortcut switching for NHRP for an interface on a router.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip nhrp shortcut**
5. **end**
6. **show ip nhrp shortcut**
7. **show ip route nhrp**
8. **show ip route next-hop-override**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Router(config)# interface Tunnel 0	Enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip nhrp shortcut Example: Router(config-if)# ip nhrp shortcut	Enables NHRP shortcut switching on an interface.
Step 5	end Example: Router(config-if)# end	Ends the configuration session.
Step 6	show ip nhrp shortcut Example: Router# show ip nhrp shortcut	(Optional) Displays only the NHRP cache entries that have an NHRP route or an NHRP next-hop override associated with them.
Step 7	show ip route nhrp Example: Router# show ip route nhrp	(Optional) Displays the routes added to the routing table by NHRP.
Step 8	show ip route next-hop-override Example: Router# show ip route next-hop-override	(Optional) Displays the NHRP next-hop overrides associated with a particular route, along with the corresponding default next hops.

Clearing NHRP Cache Entries on an Interface

Perform this optional task to clear NHRP cache entries that have associated NHRP routes and next-hop overrides on an interface on a router.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `clear ip nhrp shortcut interface-name`
4. `end`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Router> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Router# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	clear ip nhrp shortcut interface-name Example: Router(config)# clear ip nhrp shortcut Tunnel0	Clears NHRP cache entries on an interface.
Step 4	end Example: Router(config)# end	Ends the configuration session.

Configuration Examples for Shortcut Switching Enhancements for NHRP

Configuring NHRP Shortcut Switching Example

The following example configures NHRP shortcut switching on tunnel interface 1:

```
Router(config)#
interface Tunnel 1
Router(config-if)#
ip nhrp shortcut
```

The following example shows the output of the **show ip route** and **show ip route nhrp** commands. These commands can be used to show the current state of the routing table. NHRP entries are flagged "H".

```
Router#
```

```

show ip route
Codes: C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP
Gateway of last resort is not set
  10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 3 subnets, 2 masks
C       10.1.1.0/24 is directly connected, Tunnel0
C       172.16.22.0 is directly connected, Ethernet1/0
H       172.16.99.0 [250/1] via 1.1.1.99, 00:11:43, Tunnel0
  10.2.2.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C       10.11.11.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0/0
Router#
show ip route nhrp
H       172.16.99.0 [250/1] via 10.1.1.99, 00:11:43, Tunnel0

```

The following sample output displays the NHRP next-hop overrides associated with a particular route and the corresponding default next hops, when the following next-hop override is added:

- IP address: 10.50.10.0
- Mask: 255.255.255.0
- Gateway: 10.1.1.1
- Interface: Tunnel0

```

Router#
show ip route
Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP
       + - replicated route
Gateway of last resort is not set
  10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C       10.2.1.0/24 is directly connected, Loopback1
L       10.2.1.1/32 is directly connected, Loopback1
  10.50.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
% S     10.50.10.0 is directly connected, Tunnel0
  10.30.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S       10.30.11.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0/0
Router#
show ip route next-hop-override
Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP
       + - replicated route
Gateway of last resort is not set
  10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C       10.2.1.0/24 is directly connected, Loopback1
L       10.2.1.1/32 is directly connected, Loopback1

```



```

    10.50.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
% S      10.50.10.0 is directly connected, Tunnel0
          [NHO][1/0] via 10.1.1.1, Tunnel0
    10.30.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S      10.30.11.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0/0

```

Router#

show ip cef

```

Prefix          Next Hop          Interface
10.2.1.255/32   receive          Loopback110.10.10.0/24
10.50.10.0/24   10.1.1.1        Tunnel0
10.30.11.0/24   attached        Ethernet0/0
127.0.0.0/8     drop

```

The following example displays the output of the **show ip route** and **show ip route next-hop-override** commands after the following next-hop override is deleted:

- IP address: 10.50.10.0
- Mask: 255.255.255.0
- Gateway: 10.1.1.1
- Interface: Tunnel0

Router#

show ip route

```

Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP
       + - replicated route
Gateway of last resort is not set

```

```

    10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C      10.2.1.0/24 is directly connected, Loopback1
L      10.2.1.1/32 is directly connected, Loopback1
    10.50.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
% S      10.50.10.0 is directly connected, Tunnel0
    10.30.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S      10.30.11.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0/0

```

Router#

show ip route next-hop-override

```

Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default, U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP
       + - replicated route
Gateway of last resort is not set

```

```

    10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C      10.2.1.0/24 is directly connected, Loopback1
L      10.2.1.1/32 is directly connected, Loopback1
    10.50.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
S      10.50.10.0 is directly connected, Tunnel0
    10.30.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets

```

```

S      10.30.11.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0/0
Router#
show ip cef
Prefix                Next Hop                Interface
10.2.1.255/32         receive                  Loopback110.10.10.0/24
10.50.10.0/24         attached                 Tunnel0
10.30.11.0/24         attached                 Ethernet0/0
127.0.0.0/8          drop

```

The following sample output shows the information displayed by the **show ip nhrp** command when a cache entry has an associated NHRP next-hop override in the RIB. Note that the flags for the entry are displayed as “router rib” and not “router candidate”.

```

Router#
show ip nhrp
10.1.1.22/32 via 10.1.1.22
  Tunnel0 created 00:00:06, expire 00:02:23
  Type: dynamic, Flags: router implicit
  NBMA address: 10.11.11.22
10.1.1.99/32 via 10.1.1.99
  Tunnel0 created 4d04h, never expire
  Type: static, Flags: used
  NBMA address: 10.11.11.99
172.16.11.0/24 via 10.1.1.11
  Tunnel0 created 00:00:06, expire 00:02:23
  Type: dynamic, Flags: router unique local
  NBMA address: 10.11.11.11
  (no-socket)
172.16.22.0/24 via 10.1.1.22
  Tunnel0 created 00:00:05, expire 00:02:24
  Type: dynamic, Flags: router rib
  NBMA address: 10.11.11.22

```

The following example shows the output displayed by the **show ip nhrp** command when a cache entry has an NHRP next-hop override added to the RIB. If the corresponding cache entry has an associated NHRP next-hop override in the RIB, the flags are displayed as “router rib nho”.

```

Router#
show ip nhrp
10.1.1.22/32 via 10.1.1.22
  Tunnel0 created 00:00:06, expire 00:02:23
  Type: dynamic, Flags: router implicit
  NBMA address: 10.11.11.22
10.1.1.99/32 via 10.1.1.99
  Tunnel0 created 4d04h, never expire
  Type: static, Flags: used
  NBMA address: 10.11.11.99
172.16.11.0/24 via 10.1.1.11
  Tunnel0 created 00:00:06, expire 00:02:23
  Type: dynamic, Flags: router unique local
  NBMA address: 10.11.11.11
  (no-socket)
172.16.22.0/24 via 10.1.1.22
  Tunnel0 created 00:00:05, expire 00:02:24
  Type: dynamic, Flags: router rib nho
  NBMA address: 10.11.11.22

```

The following example shows the output displayed by the **show ip nhrp shortcut** command. This command displays only the NHRP cache entries that have an associated NHRP route or NHRP next-hop override.

```

Router#

```

```

show ip nhrp shortcut
172.16.22.0/24 via 10.1.1.22
  Tunnel0 created 00:00:05, expire 00:02:24
  Type: dynamic, Flags: router rib
  NBMA address: 10.11.11.22
172.16.22.0/24 via 10.1.1.22
  Tunnel0 created 00:00:05, expire 00:02:24
  Type: dynamic, Flags: router rib nho
  NBMA address: 10.11.11.22

```

The following example shows the output displayed by the **show dmvpn** command. The output indicates a route installation in the attributes section of the command output.

```

Router#
show dmvpn
Legend: Attrb --> S - Static, D - Dynamic, I - Incomplete
N - NATed, L - Local, X - No Socket, T1 - Route Installed,
T2 - Nexthop-override
# Ent --> Number of NHRP entries with same NBMA peer
NHS Status: E --> Expecting Replies, R --> Responding
UpDn Time --> Up or Down Time for a Tunnel
=====
Interface: Tunnel0, IPv4 NHRP Details
IPv4 Registration Timer: 60 seconds
IPv4 NHS: 10.1.1.99 RE
Type:Spoke, Total NBMA Peers (v4/v6): 2
# Ent  Peer NBMA Addr Peer Tunnel Add State  UpDn Tm Attrb  Target Network
-----
      2   10.11.11.22      192.1.1.22   UP 00:10:11   D      192.1.1.22/32
      0   10.11.11.22      173.1.1.22   UP 00:10:11  DT1     172.16.22.0/24
      1   10.11.11.99      173.1.1.99   UP 02:18:29   S      173.1.1.99/32

```

The example shows how to clear NHRP cache entries on tunnel interface 1 that have associated NHRP routes or nexthop overrides:

```
Router(config)# clear ip nhrp shortcut Tunnel1
```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to NHRP and DMVPN.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
NHRP information and configuration tasks	“Configuring NHRP” module of the <i>Cisco IOS XE IP Addressing Services Configuration Guide</i> .
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases
NHRP commands: complete command syntax, command mode, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	Cisco IOS IP Addressing Services Command Reference
Dynamic Multipoint VPN	“Dynamic Multipoint VPN” module

Standards

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

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	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

RFC	Title
None	--

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
<p>The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.</p>	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for Shortcut Switching Enhancements for NHRP in DMVPN Networks

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 2: Feature Information for Shortcut Switching Enhancements for NHRP in DMVPN Networks

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Next Hop Resolution Protocol (NHRP)-CEF Rewrite for DMVPN Phase 3 Networks.	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.5 Cisco IOS XE Release 3.9S	Routers in a Dynamic Multipoint VPN (DMVPN) Phase 3 network use Next Hop Resolution Protocol (NHRP) Shortcut Switching to discover shorter paths to a destination network after receiving an NHRP redirect message from the hub. This allows the routers to communicate directly with each other without the need for an intermediate hop. The following commands were introduced or modified: clear ip nhrp shortcut, debug dmvpn, debug nhrp routing, ip nhrp shortcut, show dmvpn, show ip nhrp, show ip nhrp shortcut, show ip route, show ip route next-hop-override.

