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This document describes the Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) mechanism to exclude IP prefixes of connected networks from link-state advertisements (LSAs). When OSPF is deployed in large networks, limiting the number of IP prefixes that are carried in the OSPF LSAs can speed up OSPF convergence.

This feature can also be utilized to enhance the security of an OSPF network by allowing the network administrator to prevent IP routing toward internal nodes.

Prerequisites for Excluding Connected IP Prefixes from LSAs

Before you can use the mechanism to exclude IP prefixes from LSAs, the OSPF routing protocol must be configured.

Information About Excluding Connected IP Prefixes from LSAs

One way to improve OSPF network convergence is to limit the number of IP prefixes carried in LSAs.

Previous Methods to Limit the Number of IP Prefixes Carried in LSAs

Configuring interfaces as unnumbered limits IP prefixes. However, for network management and the ease of identifying and troubleshooting numbered interfaces, you might want to have numbered interfaces and also want to limit the number of IP advertisements.

Feature Overview

The OSPF mechanism to exclude connected IP prefixes from LSAs allows network administrators to control what IP prefixes are installed into LSAs. This functionality is implemented for router and network LSAs in the following manner:

- For the router LSA, to exclude prefixes, the feature excludes link type 3 (stub link).
- For the network LSA, the OSPF Designated Router (DR) generates LSAs with a special /32 network mask (0xFFFFFFFF).



Note Previous versions of Cisco IOS software that do not have this feature will install the /32 prefix into the routing table.

Globally Suppressing IP Prefix Advertisements per OSPF Process

You can reduce OSPF convergence time by configuring the OSPF process on a router to prevent the advertisement of all IP prefixes by using the **prefix-suppression** command in router configuration mode.



Note Prefixes that are associated with loopbacks, secondary IP addresses, and passive interfaces are excluded because typical network designs require those to remain reachable.

Suppressing IP Prefix Advertisements on a Per-Interface Basis

You can explicitly configure an OSPF interface not to advertise its IP network to its neighbors by using the **ip ospf prefix-suppression** command in interface configuration mode.



Note If you have globally suppressed IP prefixes from connected IP networks by configuring the **prefix-suppression** router configuration command, the interface configuration command takes precedence over the router configuration mode command.

How to Exclude Connected IP Prefixes from OSPF LSAs

This section describes how to configure two alternative methods to suppress IP prefix advertisements. You can suppress IP prefix advertisements per OSPF process or per interface. This section also explains how you can troubleshoot IP prefix suppression.

Excluding IP Prefixes per OSPF Process

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **router ospf** *process-id* [**vrf** *vpn-name*]
4. **prefix-suppression**
5. **end**
6. **show ip ospf**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	router ospf process-id [vrf vpn-name] Example: Device(config)# router ospf 23	Configures an OSPFv2 routing process and enters router configuration mode.
Step 4	prefix-suppression Example: Device(config-router)# prefix-suppression	Prevents OSPF from advertising all IP prefixes except prefixes that are associated with loopbacks, secondary IP addresses, and passive interfaces.
Step 5	end Example: Device(config-router)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	show ip ospf Example: Device# show ip ospf	Displays general information about OSPF routing processes. Note Use this command to verify that IP prefix suppression has been enabled.

Examples

In the following example, output from the **show ip ospf** command shows that IP prefix advertisement has been suppressed for OSPF process 1.

```
Device# show ip ospf
```

```
Routing Process "ospf 1" with ID 10.0.0.6
Start time: 00:00:04.912, Time elapsed: 00:02:35.184
Supports only single TOS(TOS0) routes
Supports opaque LSA
Supports Link-local Signaling (LLS)
Supports area transit capability
It is an area border router
Router is not originating router-LSAs with maximum metric
Initial SPF schedule delay 5000 msec
Minimum hold time between two consecutive SPF's 10000 msec
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Maximum wait time between two consecutive SPF's 10000 msec
Incremental-SPF disabled
Minimum LSA interval 5 secs
Minimum LSA arrival 1000 msec
LSA group pacing timer 240 secs
Interface flood pacing timer 33 msec
Retransmission pacing timer 66 msec
Number of external LSA 2. Checksum Sum 0x0132C8
Number of opaque AS LSA 0. Checksum Sum 0x000000
Number of DCbitless external and opaque AS LSA 0
Number of DoNotAge external and opaque AS LSA 0
Number of areas in this router is 3. 3 normal 0 stub 0 nssa
Number of areas transit capable is 1
External flood list length 0
IETF NSF helper support enabled
Cisco NSF helper support enabled
Prefix-suppression is enabled
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```

Excluding IP Prefixes on a Per-Interface Basis

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ip ospf prefix-suppression [disable]**
5. **end**
6. **show ip ospf interface**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
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	interface <i>type number</i> Example:	Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ip ospf prefix-suppression [disable] Example: Device(config-if)# ip ospf prefix-suppression	Prevents OSPF from advertising IP prefixes that belong to a specific interface, except those that are associated with secondary IP addresses.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<p>Note When you enter the ip ospf prefix suppression command in interface configuration mode, it takes precedence over the prefix-suppression command that is entered in router configuration mode.</p>
Step 5	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-if)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	<p>show ip ospf interface</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show ip ospf interface</pre>	<p>Displays OSPF-related interface information.</p> <p>Note Use this command to verify that IP prefix suppression has been enabled for a specific interface.</p>

Examples

In the following example, the output from the **show ip ospf interface** command verifies that prefix suppression has been enabled for GigabitEthernet interface 0/0.

```
Device# show ip ospf interface

GigabitEthernet 0/0 is up, line protocol is up
Internet Address 192.168.130.2/24, Area 2
Process ID 1, Router ID 10.0.0.6, Network Type BROADCAST, Cost: 10
Prefix-suppression is enabled
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```

Troubleshooting IP Prefix Suppression

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **debug ip ospf lsa-generation**
3. **debug condition interface** *interface-type interface-number* [**dcli dcli**] [**vc** {*vci* | *vpi* | *vci*}]
4. **show debugging**
5. **show logging** [*slot slot-number* | **summary**]

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device> enable	
Step 2	debug ip ospf lsa-generation Example: Device# debug ip ospf lsa-generation	Displays informations about each OSPF LSA generated.
Step 3	debug condition interface <i>interface-type interface-number</i> [<i>dldci dldci</i>] [<i>vc {vci vpi vci}</i>] Example: Device# debug interface serial 0/0	Limits output for some debug commands on the basis of the interface or virtual circuit.
Step 4	show debugging Example: Device# show debugging	Displays information about the types of debugging that are enabled for your router.
Step 5	show logging [<i>slot slot-number</i> summary] Example: Device# show logging	Displays the state of syslog and the contents of the standard system logging buffer.

Examples

The following sample output from the **debug ip ospf lsa-generation** command verifies that for the Ethernet interface 0/0, IP prefixes from the connected network 192.168.131.0 are excluded.

```
Device# debug ip ospf lsa-generation

OSPF summary lsa generation debugging is on
Device# debug condition interface e0/0
Condition 1 set
Device# show debugging

IP routing:
  OSPF summary lsa generation debugging is on
Condition 1: interface Et0/0 (1 flags triggered)
  Flags: Et0/0
Device# show logging
*Jun  5 21:54:47.295: OSPF: Suppressing 192.168.131.0/24 on Ethernet1/0 from router LSA
*Jun  5 21:54:52.355: OSPF: Suppressing 192.168.131.0/24 on Ethernet1/0 from router LSA
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```

Configuration Examples for Excluding Connected IP Prefixes from LSAs

Excluding IP Prefixes from LSAs for an OSPF Process Example

The following example configures IP prefix suppression for OSPF routing process 23.

```
router ospf 23
 prefix-suppression
end
```

When the **show ip ospf** command is entered, the displayed output verifies that IP prefix suppression has been enabled for OSPF process 23.

```
Device# show ip ospf
outing Process "ospf 23" with ID 10.0.0.6
Start time: 00:00:04.912, Time elapsed: 00:02:35.184
Supports only single TOS(TOS0) routes
Supports opaque LSA
Supports Link-local Signaling (LLS)
Supports area transit capability
It is an area border router
Router is not originating router-LSAs with maximum metric
Initial SPF schedule delay 5000 msec
Minimum hold time between two consecutive SPF's 10000 msec
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Incremental-SPF disabled
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Number of areas in this router is 3. 3 normal 0 stub 0 nssa
Number of areas transit capable is 1
External flood list length 0
IETF NSF helper support enabled
Cisco NSF helper support enabled
Prefix-suppression is enabled
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```

Excluding IP Prefixes from LSAs for a Specified Interface Example

The following example configures the suppression of all IP prefixes that are associated with Ethernet interface 0/0:

```
interface Ethernet 0/0
 ip ospf prefix-suppression
end
```

When the **show ip ospf interface** command is entered, the displayed output verifies that IP prefix suppression is enabled for Ethernet interface 0/0.

```
Device# show ip ospf interface
```

```

Ethernet0/0 is up, line protocol is up
 Internet Address 192.168.130.2/24, Area 2
  Process ID 1, Router ID 10.0.0.6, Network Type BROADCAST, Cost: 10
  Prefix-suppression is enabled
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```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the OSPF Mechanism to Exclude Connected IP Prefixes from LSA Advertisements feature.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
OSPF commands: complete command syntax, command mode, command history, command defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco IOS IP Routing: OSPF Command Reference</i>

Standards

Standard	Title
None	--

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
There are no new MIBs that are associated with this feature.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS 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
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for OSPF Mechanism to Exclude Connected IP Prefixes from LSA Advertisements

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

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

Table 1: Feature Information for OSPF Mechanism to Exclude Connected IP Prefixes from LSA Advertisements

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
OSPF Mechanism to Exclude Connected IP Prefixes from LSA Advertisements		<p>The OSPF mechanism to exclude connected IP prefixes from LSA advertisements is deployed in large networks, limiting the number of IP prefixes that are carried in the OSPF LSAs can speed up OSPF convergence.</p> <p>No new commands were introduced or modified.</p>

Glossary

network LSA --The link-state advertisement created by the designated router (DR) or pseudonode that represents a group of routers on the same interface. The network LSA advertises summary information to represent the group of routers on the network.

router LSA --The link-state advertisement that is generated by a router. The router LSA advertises routing information (connected routes) for the router.

