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User’s Guide

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1 IP Unicast Routing Overview

Layer 3 switches can route packets in three different ways:

• Default routing: Traffic with an unknown destination is sent to a default destination, usually specified by a default route configuration.

• Static routes: Static unicast routing forwards packets from predetermined ports through a single path into and out of a network. Static routing is secure and uses little bandwidth, but does not automatically respond to changes in the network, such as link failures, and hence may result in unreachable destinations. As networks grow, static routing configuration becomes labor-intensive.

• Dynamically Routing protocol: Dynamic routing protocols are used by routers to dynamically calculate the best route for forwarding traffic. There are two types of dynamic routing protocols:
  • Distance-vector protocols create/maintain routing tables with distance values of network resources, and periodically update these tables to the neighbor routers. Distance-vector protocols use one or a series of metrics for calculating the best routes. These protocols are easy to configure and use. Distance-vector protocols supported by Supermicro switches are Routing Information Protocol (RIP), which uses a single distance metric (cost) to determine the best path and Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), which adds a path vector mechanism.
  • Link-state protocols create/maintain a complex database of network topology, based on the exchange of link-state advertisements (LSAs) between routers. LSAs are triggered by an event in the network, which speeds up the convergence time due to topology changes. Link-state protocols require greater bandwidth and more resources than distance-vector protocols. Supermicro switches support Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) link-state protocol.

Routing in the Internet is divided into two parts – fine-grained topological detail of connected segments of the Internet is managed with interior routing protocols (such as RIP or OSPF), while the interconnection of these segments, or “autonomous systems” is managed by an inter-domain routing protocol (such as Border Gateway Protocol, or BGP).

Administrative distance is a rating of the trustworthiness of a routing information source, an integer between 0 and 255, with a higher value meaning a lower trust rating. An administrative distance of 255 indicates the routing information should be ignored.

Redistribution is a process of passing the routing information from one routing domain to another. The purpose of redistribution is to provide full IP connectivity between different routing domains and to provide redundant connectivity, i.e. backup paths between routing domains. Routing domain is a set of routers running the same routing protocol. Redistribution process is performed by border routers – i.e. routers belonging to more than one routing domain. Supermicro switches allow redistribution of routes.
from/to RIP to/from other Unicast Routing Protocols, like OSPF. Differences in routing protocol characteristics, such as metrics, administrative distance, classful and classless capabilities can effect redistribution.

2 RIP

Routing Information Protocol (RIP) is a distance-vector routing protocol that uses hop count (the number of routers) to determine the best way to a remote network. RIP sends the complete routing table out to all active interfaces every 30 seconds.

Supermicro switches support both RIPv1 and RIPv2. RIPv1 is a classful routing protocol that does not include the subnet mask with the network address in routing updates, which causes problems in discontiguous subnets or networks that use Variable-Length Subnet Masking (VLSM). RIPv2 is a classless routing protocol so subnet masks are included in the routing updates, making RIPv2 more compatible with modern routing environments.

RIP (Routing Information Protocol) is a widely-used protocol for managing router information within a self-contained network such as a corporate local area network (LAN) or an interconnected group of such LANs. RIP is considered an effective solution for small homogeneous networks. RIP is not suited for larger, more complicated networks since the transmission of the entire routing table every 30 seconds increases network traffic.

2.1 Network

Supermicro switches provide user configuration of the network IP address that run RIP. The network number specified must not contain any subnet information. RIP routing updates are sent and received only through interfaces on this network.

2.2 Neighbor

By default RIPv2 will send multicast updates out all interfaces specified within the range of the network command. Supermicro switches allow neighbor configuration that enables the switch to send unicast updates to that neighbor out the respected link. Multicast updates are also sent through the same link.

2.3 Metric

RIP uses a single routing metric (hop count) to measure the distance between the source and a destination network. Each hop in a path from source to destination is assigned a hop count value, which is typically 1. When a router receives a routing update that contains a new or changed destination network entry, the
router adds 1 to the metric value indicated in the update and enters the network in the routing table. RIP routing is limited to 15 hops. A metric of 16 hops identifies unreachable network.

2.4 Route tag

Route tags are supported in RIP version 2. This functionality allows for routes to be distinguished from internal routes to external redistributed routes from EGP protocols.

2.5 Split Horizon

Routers connected to broadcast-type IP networks use the split-horizon mechanism to reduce routing loops, especially when links are broken. Split horizon blocks information about routes from being advertised by a router on any interface from which that information originated.

Supermicro switches support the following two mechanisms that help ensure the reachability of routes:

- Split horizon -- This mechanism omits routes learned from one neighbor in updates sent to that neighbor. Split horizon minimizes routing overhead, but may cause slower convergence.
- Split horizon with poison reverse -- This mechanism includes routes learned from one neighbor in updates sent to that neighbor. However, it sets the metric to 16, which avoids loop. Poison reverse speeds up convergence, but it increases routing overhead.

2.6 Summarization

In large internetworks, hundreds, or even thousands, of network addresses can exist. It is often problematic for routers to maintain this volume of routes in their routing tables. Route summarization also called route aggregation or supernetting helps reduce the number of routes that a router must maintain as a series of network numbers are represented by a single summary address.

Route summarization is most effective within a subnetted environment when the network addresses are in contiguous blocks in powers of 2. Summarization results in less CPU, memory, and bandwidth usage.

Routing protocols summarize or aggregate routes based on shared network numbers within the network. RIPv2 supports route summarization based on subnet addresses, including VLSM addressing. RIPv1 automatically summarize routes on the classful network boundary only.

If more than one entry in the route summary matches a particular destination, the longest prefix match in the routing table is used.
NOTE: If split horizon is enabled, neither autosummary nor interface IP summary addresses is advertised.

2.7 Authentication

RIP Version 1 does not support authentication. RIP Version 2 packets supports RIP authentication on an interface. The key chain and the set of keys that can be used on the interface should be specified for authentication.

2.8 Security

RIP supports the following two security mechanisms that prevent unauthorized routers from forming adjacencies:

- Simple text password: This method transmits simple passwords in clear text.
- MD5 authentication (For RIPv2 only): This mechanism provides more protection than a simple password and has a greater probability of detecting hostile messages.

2.9 Passive Interface

Passive interfaces are used to suppress routing updates. These interfaces can be used to allow an interface to receive updates but prevent the interface from sending advertisements.

2.10 Inter-packet delay

By default, RIP implementation in Supermicro switches does not add delay between packets during a multiple-packet RIP update transmission. If a high-end router is sending packets to a low-speed router, inter-packet delay of RIP updates must be configured, in the range of 8 to 50 milliseconds.

2.11 Re-transmission

Supermicro switches support retransmission of Update Request packet or unacknowledged Update response packet. User can specify the timeout interval and the maximum number of retransmissions of the update request and update response packets. During retries, if no response is received then the routes through the next hop router are marked unreachable.

2.12 Timers

RIP uses the following timers to maintain routing tables:
**Update timer**: Routers within an autonomous system exchange routing information through periodic RIP updates. The update timer controls the frequency of these updates.

**Expiration timer**: RIP expects an update every 30 seconds from its neighbors. If it does not receive an update in that time, RIP waits for a specified expiration time before declaring a route invalid.

**Triggered update timer**: When routes change, Supermicro switch sends a RIP update almost immediately instead of waiting for its regular update message. This helps to speed up network convergence. The triggered update timer is set to wait for 5 seconds to avoid a storm of triggered updates.

### 2.13 Default route

RIP has a built in feature in which allows it to advertise a default route to its direct neighbors which will propagate throughout the entire RIP routing domain. The default route can be configured by the user. Utilizing this type of configuration reduces the effort required to configure a static default route on each and every router and/or switch in the network.

### 2.14 RIP Configuration

#### 2.14.1 Default RIP Configuration

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<th>Default Value</th>
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<td>RIP Status</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
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<tr>
<td>UDP Port</td>
<td>521</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Update Interval</td>
<td>30 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Space Interval</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Route Age/Expiry</td>
<td>180 seconds</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum paths</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Garbage collection Interval</td>
<td>120 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Split Horizon Status</td>
<td>Enabled with Poison Reverse</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default Metric</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retransmission count</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
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<td>Retransmission time</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Redistribution</td>
<td>Enabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Neighbor</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Subscription time</td>
<td>180</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spacing Status</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatic Summarization</td>
<td>Enabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Triggered Updates</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
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<td>Trigger timer</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Security</td>
<td>Maximum</td>
</tr>
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<td>Authentication</td>
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2.14.2 Enabling RIP

RIP is disabled by default in Supermicro switches. Follow the below steps to enable RIP.

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<td>router rip</td>
<td>Enables RIP on all interfaces and enters the Router configuration mode</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step 3</td>
<td>end</td>
<td>Exit from Configuration mode.</td>
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The “no router rip” command disables RIP in the switch.

2.14.3 RIP Neighbor

Supermicro switches allow configuration of RIP Neighbor. Follow the below steps to configure a RIP neighbor.

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<td>Step 3</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip address&gt;</td>
<td>Add a neighbor router</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Exit from Configuration mode.</td>
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The “no neighbor <ip address>” command deletes the RIP neighbor.

2.14.4 Interface Parameters

Supermicro switches provide configuration of Interface parameters for RIP. Follow the below steps to configure a RIP interface parameters.

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<td>Step 4</td>
<td>Exit</td>
<td>Exit from RIP router configuration mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 5</td>
<td>interface &lt;interface-type&gt;&lt;interface-id&gt;</td>
<td>(Optional) Enters the interface configuration mode.</td>
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</table>
interface range `<interface-type>`<interface-id> 

- `interface-type` – may be any of the following:
  - vlan

- `interface-id` is in slot/port format for all physical interfaces. It may be the VLAN identifier for VLAN interfaces.

To configure multiple interfaces, use the “interface range…” command. To provide a range use a hyphen (-) between the start and end interface numbers. E.g.: **int range vlan 1-10**

To provide multiple interfaces or ranges, separate with a comma (,). E.g.: **int range vlan 1-10,20**

If multiple interfaces are provided, the next step will perform the particular configuration on all these interfaces.

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<td>6</td>
<td>ip rip send version `{ 1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>ip rip receive version `{ 1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>ip rip authentication mode `{ text</td>
<td>md5 } key-chain &lt;key-chain-name (16)&gt;`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>timers basic <code>&lt;update-value (10-3600)&gt; </code>&lt;routeage-value (30-500)&gt; <code>&lt;garbage-value (120-180)&gt;</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Configure update, route age and garbage collection timers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>ip split-horizon [poison]</td>
<td>(Optional) Configure the split horizon status</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>ip rip default route originate <code>&lt;metric(1-15)&gt;</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Configure the metric to be used for default route propagated over the interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>ip rip summary-address <code>&lt;ip-address&gt;</code> <code>&lt;mask&gt;</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Configure route aggregation for all subnet routes that falls under the specified ip address and mask.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>ip rip default route install</td>
<td>(Optional) Install default route received in updates to the rip database.</td>
</tr>
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<td>14</td>
<td>end</td>
<td>Exit from Configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>show ip rip { database [ <code>&lt;ip-address&gt;</code> <code>&lt;ip-mask&gt;</code> ]</td>
<td>Display IP RIP protocol database or statistics</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>statistics }</td>
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These commands either delete the particular configuration or reset it to its default value.

```
no ip rip send version
no ip rip receive version
no ip rip authentication
no timers basic
no ip split-horizon
no ip rip default route originate
no ip rip summary-address <ip-address> <mask>
no ip rip default route install
```

## 2.14.5 Additional Parameters

Supermicro switches provide configuration of certain additional RIP parameters. Follow the below steps to configure additional RIP parameters.

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<td>neighbor &lt;ip address&gt;</td>
<td>Add a neighbor router</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>network &lt;ip-address&gt; [unnum {vlan &lt;integer(1-4069)&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;iftype&gt; &lt;ifnum&gt;}]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 5</td>
<td>ip rip retransmission {interval &lt;timeout-value (5-10)&gt;</td>
<td>retries &lt;value (10-40)&gt; }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>interval - The timeout interval to be used to retransmit the update request packet or an unacknowledged update response packet.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>retries - The maximum number of retransmissions of the update request and update response packets.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 6</td>
<td>redistribute { all</td>
<td>bgp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>all - Advertises all routes learned in the RIP process.</td>
</tr>
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| Step 7 | **default-metric <value>** | (Optional) Configure the metric to be used for redistributed routes.  

The default-metric command is used in conjunction with the redistribute router configuration command to cause the current routing protocol to use the same metric value for all redistributed routes.  

**NOTE:** This command can be configured only if RIP redistribution is enabled in Interface mode. |
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<td>Step 8</td>
<td><strong>route-tag &lt;1-65535&gt;</strong></td>
<td>(Optional) Configure the route tag to be used for redistributed routes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 9</td>
<td>**auto-summary {enable</td>
<td>disable}**</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Step 10 | **ip rip security { minimum | maximum }** | (Optional) Accept/ignore RIP1 packets when authentication is in use  

**minimum** - Denotes that the RIP1 packets will be accepted even when authentication is in use  

**maximum** - Denotes that the RIP1 packets will be ignored when authentication is in use. |
| Step 11 | **passive-interface {vlan <vlan-id(1-4069)> | <interface-type> <interface-id>}** | (Optional) Suppress routing updates on an interface |
| Step 12 | **output-delay** | (Optional) Enable inter-packet delay for RIP updates |
| Step 13 | **end** | Exit from Configuration mode. |
Step 14: show ip rip { database [ <ip-address> <ip-mask> ] | statistics }

Display IP RIP protocol database or statistics

These commands either delete the particular configuration or reset it to its default value.

no network <ip-address> [unnum {vlan <integer(1-4069)> | <iftype> <ifnum>}]  
no ip rip security  
no ip rip retransmission { interval | retries }  
no passive-interface {vlan <vlan-id(1-4069)> | <interface-type> <interface-id>}  
no output-delay  
no redistribute { all | bgp | connected | ospf | static } [route-map <name(1-20)>]  
no default-metric  
no route-tag

2.14.6 RIP Configuration Example

The example below shows the commands used to configure RIP by using 2 switches: Switch A and switch B.

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**Figure IP-Unicast-Routing-1: RIP Configuration Example**

**On switch A**

SMIS# configure terminal  
SMIS(config)# vlan 200  
SMIS(config-vlan)# exit  
SMIS(config)# interface fx 0/22  
SMIS(config-if)# switchport mode access  
SMIS(config-if)# switchport access vlan 200  
SMIS(config)# interface vlan 200  
SMIS(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.2  
SMIS(config-if)# exit  
SMIS(config)# router rip  
SMIS(config-router)# network 10.10.10.2  
SMIS(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.1

---
SMIS(config-router)# end

SMIS# show ip rip database
10.0.0.0/8 [1] auto-summary
10.0.0.0/8 [1] directly connected, vlan200

SMIS# show ip rip statistics

RIP Global Statistics:
-----------------------
Total number of route changes is 0
Total number of queries responded is 0
Total number of dropped packets is 0

RIP Interface Statistics:
-------------------------
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Interface</th>
<th>Periodic Updates Sent</th>
<th>BadRoutes Received</th>
<th>Triggered Updates Sent</th>
<th>BadPackets Received</th>
<th>Admin Status</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IP Address</td>
<td>Updates Sent</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.10.10.2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Enabled</td>
</tr>
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SMIS# show running-config

Building configuration...
Switch ID Hardware Version Firmware Version

vlan 1
  ports fx 0/1-20 untagged
  ports fx 0/22-48 untagged
  ports cx 0/1-6 untagged
exit
vlan 200
exit

interface Fx 0/22
  switchport mode access
  switchport access vlan 200
exit

interface vlan 200
  ip address 10.10.10.2 255.0.0.0
exit
router rip
neighbor 10.10.1.1
network 10.10.10.2
exit

**On switch B**

SMIS# configure terminal
SMIS(config)# vlan 200
SMIS(config-vlan)# exit
SMIS(config)# interface fx 0/22
SMIS(config-if)# switchport mode access
SMIS(config-if)# switchport access vlan 200
SMIS(config)# interface vlan 200
SMIS(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.1
SMIS(config-if)# exit
SMIS(config)# router rip
SMIS(config-router)# network 10.10.10.1
SMIS(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.2
SMIS(config-router)# end

SMIS# show ip rip database
10.0.0.0/8   [1]   auto-summary
10.0.0.0/8   [1]   directly connected, vlan200

SMIS# show ip rip statistics

RIP Global Statistics:
----------------------
Total number of route changes is 0
Total number of queries responded is 1
Total number of dropped packets is 0

RIP Interface Statistics:
-------------------------
IP Address   Periodic Updates Sent Received Updates Sent Received Status
------------- --------------- -------- -------- ---------- ---------- ------
10.10.10.1    4       0     1       0         Enabled

SMIS# show running-config

Building configuration...
Switch ID   Hardware Version   Firmware Version

vlan 1
ports fx 0/1-20 untagged
ports fx 0/22-48 untagged
ports cx 0/1-6 untagged
exit
vlan 200
exit

interface Fx 0/22
switchport mode access
switchport access vlan 200
exit
interface vlan 200
ip address 10.10.10.1 255.0.0.0
exit
router rip
neighbor 10.10.10.2
network 10.10.10.1
exit
interface vlan 200
exit

3 OSPF

OSPF is an Interior Gateway routing protocol that can scale well in large environments. OSPF supports the following features:

- Variable Length Subnet masks (VLSM)
- The use of areas to minimize Central Processing Unit (CPU) and memory requirements.
- A simple cost metric that can be manipulated to support up to six equal cost paths.
- The use of authentication to ensure OSPF updates are secure and the use of multicast updates to conserve bandwidth.
- Faster convergence times ensuring updates and changes are propagated across the network.
- No limitation of network diameter or hop count. Limiting factors include only CPU and memory resources.
- The ability to tag OSPF information injected from any autonomous systems.

OSPF enabled switch multicasts Link State Advertisements (LSAs) to inform all other routers in the area of its neighbors and costs. Based on OSPF LSAs, each router constructs a topology table which contains every connection link within the network. Then, the Dijkstra algorithm runs over the topology table to find the
shortest path to every other router, and hence creates the routing table. This algorithm, which is also known as the SPF algorithm, runs on every OSPF enabled router on the network, and routers within a particular area all have the same topology tree of the specific area.

3.1 Neighbor & DR

OSPF routers exchange hellos with neighboring routers and in the process learn their neighbor’s Router ID (RID) and cost, these values are stored to the adjacency table. Supermicro switch establishes OSPF adjacencies between all neighbors on a multi-access network (such as Ethernet). This ensures all routers do not need to maintain full adjacencies with each other. The Designated Router (DR) is selected based on the router priority. In a tie, the router with the highest router ID is selected. Backup DR is a router designed to perform the same functions in case the DR fails.

3.2 LSA

Once a router has exchanged hellos with its neighbors and captured Router IDs and cost information, it begins sending LSAs, or Link State Advertisements. Link state is the information shared between directly connected routers. This information propagates throughout the network unchanged and is also used to create a shortest path first (SPF) tree. The OSPF standard defines a number of LSAs types. Unlike distance vector protocols (for example, RIP), OSPF does not actually send its routing table to other routers. Instead, OSPF sends the LSA database and derives the IP routing table from LSAs.

In order to avoid LSA storm, each LSA has a sequence number which is incremented only if LSA has changed. Each LSA also has an age value that is set to zero by the originating switch and increased by every switch during flooding.

The common types of LSA are

Type 1 – Router LSA, containing router ID and link information

Type 2 – Network LSA contains DR and broadcast segment details

Type 3 – Network Summary LSA originated by ABR only and contains metric and subnet information

Type 4 – ASBR Summary LSA originated by ABR only and advertised to ASBR contains router ID, mask and metric

Type 5 – AS external LSA originated by ASBR contains external route and default route information
### 3.3 Area

An OSPF area is defined as a logical grouping of routers by a network administrator. OSPF routers in any area contain same topological view, also known as the OSPF database of the network. OSPF is configured in multiple areas in order to reduce routing table sizes, which in turn reduces the topological database and switch CPU/memory requirements.

OSPF is not just configured in one large area, so all routers share the same topological database. The use of multiple areas ensures that the flooding and database management required in large OSPF networks is reduced within each area so that the process of flooding the full database and maintaining full network connectivity does not consume a large portion of the CPU processing power and network bandwidth. Every time a network change occurs, the CPU on a router is interrupted and a new OSPF tree is calculated. Running the shortest path first (SPF) algorithm itself is not CPU intensive, but sending and flooding the network with new topological information is extremely CPU intensive.

Areas are identified through a 32-bit Area ID expressed in dotted decimal notation. All OSPF areas must be connected to the backbone in case of network failure. When an area cannot reside physically or logically on the backbone, a virtual link is required. There are four types of Areas used in OSPF:

- **Backbone Area**: Alternate Name for Area 0. This includes all ABRs and internal routers of the backbone area. The backbone is a hub for inter-area transit traffic and the distribution of routing information between areas. Inter-area traffic is routed to the backbone, then routed to the destination area, and finally routed to the destination host within the destination area. Routers on the backbone also advertise the summarized routes within their areas to the other routers on the backbone. Backbone area helps avoid routing loops as it is the trunk of the network.

- **Regular Area**: Non-backbone area, with both internal and external routes

- **Stub area**: An area that contains a single exit point from the area. Areas that reside on the edge of the network with no exit point except one path can be termed a stub area.

- **Not-So-Stubby-Area (NSSA)**: This area is used to connect to an ISP. All advertised routes can be flooded through the NSSA but are blocked by the ABR.
3.4 OSPF Router Types

There are different types of OSPF Routers classified based on functionality.

- **Internal Router**: This router is within a specific area only. Internal router functions include maintaining the OSPF database and forwarding data to other networks. All interfaces on internal routers are in the same area.

- **Backbone Router**: Backbone routers are connected to area 0, which is also represented as area 0.0.0.0. A backbone router can perform ASBR functions as well as ABR functions.
• **Area Border Router (ABR):** ABRs are responsible for connecting two or more areas. An ABR contains the full topological database for each area it is connected to and sends this information to other areas. ABRs contain a separate Link State Database, separating LSA flooding between areas, optionally summarizing routes, and optionally sourcing default routes.

• **Autonomous System Boundary Router (ASBR):** Router that has at least one interface in an OSPF area and at least one interface outside of an OSPF area. Routers that connect to, for example, the Internet and redistribute external IP routing tables from such protocols as Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) are termed autonomous system boundary routers (ASBRs).

### 3.5 Types of routes

OSPF supports two types of routes: Internal routers and External OSPF. External routes are routing entries in OSPF route tables injected by an external routing protocol, such as BGP. When calculating the cost to a remote network, internal routes add the total cost to destination; whereas External routes include only the cost to the external network.

### 3.6 Default route

When redistribution of routes into an OSPF routing domain is configured, the route becomes an autonomous system boundary router (ASBR). The ASBR can generate a default route into the OSPF routing domain by user configuration.

### 3.7 Metric

The OSPF process assigns cost values to interfaces based on the inverse of the bandwidth parameter assigned to the interface with the bandwidth command. For calculating the SPF to a given destination, the router takes into consideration the costs of the links along various paths. The path with the lower cost is selected as the shortest path. The SPF algorithm only runs within a single area, so routers only compute paths within their own area. Inter-area routes are passed using border routers.

### 3.8 Router Id

The source of Link-state Advertisements in a given area is identified by the Router ID. This ID has the form of an IP address and can be automatically or manually defined.
3.9 Priority

In multi-access networks the router with the highest priority value is chosen as the DR which acts as the central point of LSAs exchange. Supermicro switches provide OSPF DR priority configuration.

3.10 Route Summarization

Route summarization is the consolidation of advertised addresses into a single summary route to be advertised by other areas. Summarization occurs using the LSA type 4 packet or by the ASBR. OSPF can be configured in two ways to summarize networks:

- Inter-area summarization creating type 3 or 4 LSAs
- External summarization with type 5 LSAs

3.11 Authentication

OSPF does not authenticate its protocol’s messages or route updates. OSPF does, however, support two message authentication options:

- Simple Authentication- using plaintext keys
- MD5 Authentication - Matching authentication methods and keys must be configured on each interface on a segment. Theoretically, different passwords could be applied to different router interfaces – the routers on the other ends of those links would just be required to have matching information.

3.12 Timers

Supermicro switches provide configuration of the delay time between when OSPF receives a topology change and when it starts the shortest path first (SPF) calculation and the hold time between two SPF calculations.

3.13 Virtual Link

In OSPF, all areas must be connected to a backbone area. A virtual link can be configured in case of a backbone-continuity break by configuring two Area Border Routers as endpoints of a virtual link. Configuration information includes the identity of the other virtual endpoint (the other ABR) and the non-backbone link that the two routers have in common (the transit area). Virtual links cannot be configured through a stub area.
3.14 Passive Interface

The passive-interface interface command disables OSPF hellos from being sent out, thus disabling the interface from forming adjacencies out that interface.

3.15 Demand Circuit

A demand circuit is a point-to-point connection between two neighboring interfaces configured for OSPF. Demand circuits increase the efficiency of OSPF on the configured interfaces by stopping the periodic transmission of OSPF packets, like Hello and LSA. OSPF can establish a demand link to form an adjacency and perform initial database synchronization; the adjacency remains active even after Layer 2 of the demand circuit goes down.

3.16 Network Type

Internet network types are dependent on the layer 2 technology used such as Ethernet, point-to-point T1 circuit, and frame relay. The various OSPF network types and their compatibility with one another are specified below.

**Non-Broadcast**: This is the default for OSPF enabled frame relay physical interfaces. Non-Broadcast networks require static neighbor configuration and OSPF hellos are sent via unicast. The Non-Broadcast network type has a 30 second hello and 120 second dead timer. An OSPF Non-Broadcast network type requires the use of a DR/BDR.

**Broadcast**: This is the default for an OSPF enabled ethernet interface. The Broadcast network type requires link support Layer 2 Broadcast capabilities. The Broadcast network type has a 10 second hello and 40 second dead timer. An OSPF Broadcast network type requires the use of a DR/BDR.

**Point-to-Point**: A Point-to-Point OSPF network type does not maintain a DR/BDR relationship. The Point-to-Point network type has a 10 second hello and 40 second dead timer. Point-to-Point network types are intended to be used between 2 directly connected routers.

**Point-to-Multipoint**: This is viewed as a collection of point-to-point links. Point-to-Multipoint networks do not maintain a DR/BDR and advertise a hot route for all the frame-relay endpoints. The Point-to-Multipoint network type has a 30 second hello and 120 second dead timer.
3.17 OSPF Configuration

3.17.1 OSPF Default Configuration

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<td>Router Id</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Area</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Hello Interval</td>
<td>10 seconds</td>
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<td>Router Dead Interval</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>Trans Delay</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Router priority</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Retransmission Interval</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Polling Interval</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Passive Interface Status</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secondary IP</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASBR Status</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NSSA ASBR Status</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
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<td>RPF 1583 Compatibility</td>
<td>Enabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSA Interval</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPF Hold time</td>
<td>10 milliseconds</td>
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<tr>
<td>SPF Interval</td>
<td>1 milliseconds</td>
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<tr>
<td>ABR</td>
<td>Standard ABR</td>
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3.17.2 Enabling OSPF

OSPF is disabled by default in Supermicro switches. Follow the steps below to enable OSPF and configure an OSPF router ID.

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<td>router ospf</td>
<td>Enable OSPF routing process</td>
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<td>Step 3</td>
<td>router-id &lt;router ip address&gt;</td>
<td>Configure the Router ID</td>
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<td>Step 4</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Exits the configuration mode.</td>
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<td>Step 5</td>
<td>show ip ospf info</td>
<td>Display general information about OSPF routing process.</td>
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The “no router ospf” command disables OSPF in the switch.
### 3.17.3 OSPF Neighbor

Supermicro switches provide option to configure OSPF neighbors. Follow the steps below to configure OSPF neighbor.

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<td>Step 3</td>
<td>router-id &lt;router ip address&gt;</td>
<td>Configure the Router ID</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;neighbor-id&gt; [priority &lt;priority value (0-255)&gt;]</td>
<td>Specify a neighbor router and its priority</td>
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<td>Step 5</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Exits the configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 6</td>
<td>show ip ospf neighbor [ { vlan &lt;vlan-id (1-4069)&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;interface-type&gt; &lt;interface-id&gt; } ] [Neighbor ID] [detail]</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The “no neighbor <neighbor-id> [priority]” command deletes the OSPF neighbor.

### 3.17.4 Area Parameters

Supermicro switches provide configuration options for OSPF area. Follow the steps below to configure OSPF area and its parameters.

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<td>router-id &lt;router ip address&gt;</td>
<td>Configure the Router ID</td>
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<td>Step 4</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;neighbor-id&gt; [priority &lt;priority value (0-255)&gt;]</td>
<td>Specify a neighbor router and its priority</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step 5</td>
<td>network &lt;Network number&gt; area &lt;area-id&gt; [unnum Vlan &lt;PortNumber&gt;]</td>
<td>(Optional) Define the interfaces on which OSPF runs and to define the area ID for those interfaces</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 6</td>
<td>area &lt;area-id&gt; stability-interval &lt;Interval-Value (0 - 0x7fffffff)&gt;</td>
<td>(Optional) Configure the Stability interval for NSSA area</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 7</td>
<td>area &lt;area-id&gt; translation-role { always</td>
<td>candidate }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 8</td>
<td>no area &lt;area-id&gt; translation-role</td>
<td>(Optional) Configure the default translation role for the NSSA area</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 9</td>
<td>compatible rfc1583</td>
<td>(Optional) Configure OSPF compatibility list compatible with RFC 1583</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 10</td>
<td>abr-type { standard</td>
<td>cisco</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 11</td>
<td>area &lt;area-id&gt; nssa [{ no-summary</td>
<td>default-information-originate [metric &lt;value&gt;] [metric-type &lt;Type(1-3)&gt;] [tos &lt;tos value (0-30)&gt;]}]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 12</td>
<td>area &lt;area-id&gt; stub [no-summary]</td>
<td>(Optional) Specify an area as a stub area</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 13</td>
<td>default-information originate always [metric &lt;metric-value (0-0xffffffff)&gt;] [metric-type &lt;type (1-2)&gt;]</td>
<td>(Optional) Enable generation of a default external route into an OSPF routing domain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 14</td>
<td>area &lt;area-id&gt; virtual-link &lt;router-id&gt; [authentication { simple</td>
<td>message-digest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 15</td>
<td>ASBR Router</td>
<td>(Optional) Specify this router as ASBR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 16</td>
<td>area &lt;AreaId&gt; range &lt;Network&gt; &lt;Mask&gt; {summary</td>
<td>Type7} [advertise</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 17</td>
<td>summary-address &lt;Network&gt; &lt;Mask&gt; &lt;AreaId&gt; [{allowAll</td>
<td>denyAll</td>
</tr>
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<td>Step 18</td>
<td>redistribute {static</td>
<td>connected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 19</td>
<td>redist-config &lt;Network&gt; &lt;Mask&gt; [metric-value &lt;metric (1 - 16777215)&gt;] [metric-type {asExttype1</td>
<td>asExttype2}] [tag &lt;tag-value&gt;]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 20</td>
<td>set nssa asbr-default-route translator { enable</td>
<td>disable }</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 21</td>
<td>passive-interface {vlan &lt;vlan-id(1-4069)&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;interface-type&gt; &lt;interface-id&gt;]}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 22</td>
<td>passive-interface default</td>
<td>(Optional) Suppress routing updates on all interfaces</td>
</tr>
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<td>Step 23</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Exits the configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 24</td>
<td>show ip ospf request-list [&lt;neighbor-id&gt;] [{ vlan &lt;vlan-id (1-4069)&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;interface-type&gt; &lt;interface-id&gt; }]</td>
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show ip ospf border-routers

show ip ospf {area-range | summary-address}

Display OSPF Border and Boundary Router Information

Display OSPF Summary-address redistribution Information
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<td>Display general information about OSPF routing process</td>
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<td><code>show ip ospf [area-id] database</code></td>
<td>Display routes learned by OSPF process</td>
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<td><code>show ip ospf request-list [ip_addr]</code></td>
<td>Display OSPF Link state request list information</td>
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<td><code>show ip ospf virtual-links</code></td>
<td>Display OSPF Virtual link information</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>show ip ospf border-routers</code></td>
<td>Display OSPF Border and Boundary Router Information</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>`show ip ospf {area-range</td>
<td>summary-address}`</td>
</tr>
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<td><code>show ip ospf</code></td>
<td>Display general information about OSPF routing process</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>show ip ospf route</code></td>
<td>Display routes learned by OSPF process</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>show ip ospf [area-id] database</code></td>
<td>Display OSPF LSA Database summary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>`show ip ospf [area-id] database { asbr-summary</td>
<td>external</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

These commands delete the particular configuration or reset it to its default value.

- `no area <area-id> stability-interval`
- `no compatible rfc1583`
- `no area <area-id> default-cost [tos <tos value (0-30)>]`
- `no area <area-id> [{ stub | nssa }]`
### Interface Parameters

All OSPF Interface level configurations are all optional and must be consistent/compatible across all routers in an attached network. Follow the steps below to configure OSPF parameters in Supermicro switch.

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<td>Enable OSPF routing process</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step 3</td>
<td>router-id &lt;router ip address&gt;</td>
<td>Configure the Router ID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;neighbor-id&gt; [priority &lt;priority value (0-255)&gt;]</td>
<td>Specify a neighbor router and its priority</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 5</td>
<td>Exit</td>
<td>Exit the Router Configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 6</td>
<td>interface &lt;interface-type&gt;&lt;interface-id&gt; or interface range &lt;interface-type&gt;&lt;interface-id&gt; ....</td>
<td>(Optional) Enters the interface configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

*interface-type* – may be any of the following:

- **vlan**

*interface-id* is the VLAN identifier for VLAN interfaces.

To configure multiple interfaces, use the “interface range ...” command. To provide a range use a hyphen (-) between the start and end interface numbers. E.g.: int range vlan 1-10

To provide multiple interfaces or ranges, separate with a comma (,). E.g.: int range vlan 1-10, 20
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<td><code>ip ospf demand-circuit</code></td>
<td>Configure OSPF to treat the interface as an OSPF demand circuit</td>
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<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td><code>ip ospf retransmit-interval &lt;seconds (0 - 3600)&gt;</code></td>
<td>Specify the time between link-state advertisement (LSA) retransmissions for adjacencies belonging to the interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td><code>ip ospf transmit-delay &lt;seconds (0 - 3600)&gt;</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Configure the estimated time it takes to transmit a link state update packet on the interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td><code>ip ospf priority &lt;value (0 - 255)&gt;</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Configure the router priority</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td><code>ip ospf hello-interval &lt;seconds (1 - 65535)&gt;</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Specify the interval between hello packets sent on the interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td><code>ip ospf dead-interval &lt;seconds (0-0x7fffffff)&gt;</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Configure the interval at which hello packets must not be seen before neighbors declare the router down</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td><code>ip ospf cost &lt;cost (1-65535)&gt; [tos &lt;tos value (0-30)&gt;]</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Explicitly specify the cost of sending a packet on an interface</td>
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</table>

Type of Service (TOS) is defined as a mapping to the IP Type of Service Flags as defined in the IP Forwarding Table MIB.

The condition to select next-hop for a destination from a multipath route (set of next hops for a given destination) is referred to as 'policy', which is specified by the TOS Field. However, TOS field is no longer in use.

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<td>14</td>
<td>`ip ospf network {broadcast</td>
<td>non-broadcast</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td><code>ip ospf authentication-key &lt;password (8)&gt;</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Specify a password to be used by neighboring routers that are using the OSPF simple password authentication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>`ip ospf authentication [{message-digest</td>
<td>null}]`</td>
</tr>
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<td>17</td>
<td><code>ip ospf message-digest-key &lt;Key-ID (0-255)&gt; md5 &lt;md5-Key (16)&gt;</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Enable OSPF MD5 authentication</td>
</tr>
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<td>18</td>
<td><code>End</code></td>
<td>Exits the configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>`show ip ospf interface [{ vlan &lt;vlan-id (1-4069)&gt;</td>
<td>&lt;interface-type&gt; &lt;interface-id&gt; }]`</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
show ip ospf retransmission-list [neighbor-id] [[ vlan <vlan-id (1-4069)> | interface-type <interface-id> ]]
show ip ospf info

These commands delete the particular configuration or reset it to its default value.

- no ip ospf demand-circuit
- no ip ospf retransmit-interval
- no ip ospf transmit-delay
- no ip ospf priority
- no ip ospf hello-interval
- no ip ospf dead-interval
- no ip ospf cost [tos <tos value (0-30)>]
- no ip ospf network
- no ip ospf authentication-key
- no ip ospf authentication
- no ip ospf message-digest-key <Key-ID (0-255)>

3.17.6 OSPF Configuration Example

The example below shows the commands used to configure OSPF by connecting 2 switches: Switch A and Switch B.

![Switches Diagram]

Figure IP-unicast-routing-3: OSPF Configuration Example

On Switch A
SMIS# configure terminal
SMIS(config)# vlan 10
SMIS(config-vlan)# ports fx 0/21 untagged
SMIS(config-vlan)# exit
SMIS(config)# interface fx 0/21
SMIS(config-if)# switchport pvid 10
SMIS(config-if)# exit
SMIS(config)# interface vlan 10
SMIS(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.1
SMIS(config-if)# exit
SMIS(config)# router ospf
SMIS(config-router)# router-id 10.10.10.1
SMIS(config-router)# network 10.10.10.1 area 0.0.0.0
SMIS(config-router)# end

SMIS# show ip ospf neighbor

Vrf default
Neighbor-ID Pri   State       DeadTime   Address           Interface
----------- --- ----- -------------- -------- -------
10.10.10.2 100 FULL/DR_OTHER 30  10.10.10.2       vlan10

SMIS# show ip ospf info

OSPF Router with ID (10.10.10.1) (Vrf default)
Supports only single TOS(TOS0) route
ABR Type supported is Standard ABR
Number of Areas in this router is 1
Area is 0.0.0.0
Number of interfaces in this area is 1
SPF algorithm executed 15 times

SMIS# show ip ospf route
Vrf default

OSPF Routing Table

Dest/Mask TOS NextHop/Interface Cost Rt.Type   Area
--------- ----------- -------------- ----- -------
10.0.0.0/255.0.0.0 0 0.0.0.0/vlan10 100 IntraArea 0.0.0.0

SMIS# show ip ospf interface

vlan10 is line protocol is up
Internet Address 10.10.10.1, Mask 255.0.0.0, Area 0.0.0.0
AS 1, Router ID 10.10.10.1, Network Type BROADCAST, Cost 100
Transmit Delay is 500 sec, State 4, Priority 200
Designated RouterId 10.10.10.1, Interface address 10.10.10.1
Backup Designated RouterId 10.10.10.2, Interface address 10.10.10.2
Timer intervals configured, Hello 10, Dead 40, Wait 40, Retransmit 500
Hello due in 4 sec
Neighbor Count is 1, Adjacent neighbor count is 1
Adjacent with the neighbor 10.10.10.2
Connected to VRF  default

SMIS# show running-config

Building configuration...
Switch ID     Hardware Version                Firmware Version

vlan 1
  ports fx 0/1-48 untagged
  ports cx 0/1-6 untagged
  exit

vlan 10
  ports fx 0/21 untagged
  exit

interface Fx 0/21
  switchport pvid 10
  exit

interface vlan 10
  ip address  10.10.10.1 255.0.0.0
  exit

router ospf
  router-id 10.10.10.1
  network 10.10.10.1 area 0.0.0.0
  exit

On Switch B

SMIS# configure terminal
SMIS(config)# vlan 10
SMIS(config-vlan)# ports fx 0/22 untagged
SMIS(config-vlan)# exit
SMIS(config)# interface fx 0/22
SMIS(config-if)# switchport pvid 10
SMIS(config-if)# exit
SMIS(config)# interface vlan 10
SMIS(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.2
SMIS(config-if)# exit
SMIS(config)# router ospf
SMIS(config-router)# router-id 10.10.10.2
SMIS(config-router)# network 10.10.10.2 area 0.0.0.0
SMIS(config-router)# end

SMIS# show ip ospf neighbor

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<th>Neighbor-ID</th>
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<th>Address</th>
<th>Interface</th>
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<tr>
<td>10.10.10.1</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>FULL/DR</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>10.10.10.1</td>
<td>vlan10</td>
</tr>
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</table>

SMIS# show ip ospf info

OSPF Router with ID (10.10.10.2) (Vrf default)
Supports only single TOS(TOS0) route
ABR Type supported is Standard ABR
Number of Areas in this router is 1
Area is 0.0.0.0
Number of interfaces in this area is 1
SPF algorithm executed 17 times

SMIS# show ip ospf interface

vlan10 is line protocol is up
Internet Address 10.10.10.2, Mask 255.0.0.0, Area 0.0.0.0
AS 1, Router ID 10.10.10.2, Network Type BROADCAST, Cost 100
Transmit Delay is 500 sec, State 5, Priority 100
Designated RouterId 10.10.10.1, Interface address 10.10.10.1
Backup Designated RouterId 10.10.10.2, Interface address 10.10.10.2
Timer intervals configured, Hello 10, Dead 40, Wait 40, Retransmit 500
Hello due in 2 sec
Neighbor Count is 1, Adjacent neighbor count is 1
Adjacent with the neighbor 10.10.10.1
Connected to VRF  default

SMIS# show ip ospf route

Vrf default

OSPF Routing Table

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</table>
SMIS# show running-config

Building configuration...
Switch ID   Hardware Version   Firmware Version

vlan 1
  ports fx 0/1-48 untagged
  ports cx 0/1-6 untagged
  exit
vlan 10
  ports fx 0/22 untagged
  exit

interface Fx 0/22
  switchport pvid 10
  exit
interface vlan 10
  ip address 10.10.10.2 255.0.0.0
  exit
router ospf
  router-id 10.10.10.2
  network 10.10.10.2 area 0.0.0.0
  exit

4 BGP

Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is an inter-domain routing protocol designed to provide loop-free routing links between organizations. BGP is designed to run over a reliable transport protocol using Port 179. BGP is used to connect a local network to an external network in order to access the Internet or to connect to other organizations. When connecting to an external organization, external BGP (eBGP) peering sessions are created. BGP peers within the same organization exchange routing information through internal BGP (iBGP) peering sessions. Supermicro switches support BGP version 4.
BGP uses a path-vector routing algorithm to exchange network reachability information with other BGP speaking networking devices. Network reachability information is exchanged between BGP peers in routing updates. Network reachability information contains the network number, path specific attributes, and the list of autonomous system numbers that a route must transit through to reach a destination network. BGP then selects a single path, by default, as the best path to a destination host or network. The best path selection algorithm utilizes path attributes to determine the route to be installed in the BGP routing table.

4.1 Router ID

BGP uses router ID to identify BGP-speaking peers. The BGP router ID is represented by an IPv4 address. The BGP router ID must be unique to the BGP peers in a network.

4.2 Speaker and Peer

A peer device is a BGP-speaking router that has an active TCP connection to another BGP-speaking device. BGP devices need not be necessarily directly connected. A BGP speaker is the local router and a peer is any other BGP speaking network device.

When a TCP connection is established between peers, each BGP peer initially exchanges all its routes—the complete BGP routing table with the other peer. After this only incremental updates are sent after a change in network topology or routing policy. Peers exchange special messages called keep alive messages.
4.3 Autonomous System (AS)

An autonomous system is a network controlled by a single technical administration entity. In BGP autonomous systems are used in individual routing domains with local routing policies.

Each routing domain can support multiple routing protocols. However, each routing protocol is administrated separately. Other routing protocols can dynamically exchange routing information with BGP through redistribution.

4.4 Aggregate Addresses

Classless inter-domain routing (CIDR) enables creation of aggregate routes (or supernets) to minimize the size of routing tables. Aggregate routes can be configured in BGP either by redistributing an aggregate route into BGP or by creating an aggregate entry in the BGP routing table.

4.5 Route Reflection

Typical BGP requires all IBGP speakers to be fully meshed i.e. when a router receives a route from an external neighbor, it must advertise it to all internal neighbors. To prevent a routing information loop, all IBGP speakers must be connected and the internal neighbors do not share routes among themselves.

With route reflectors, all IBGP speakers need not be fully meshed because another method is used to pass learned routes to neighbors. When an internal BGP peer is configured to be a route reflector, it is responsible for passing IBGP learned routes to a set of IBGP neighbors. The internal peers of the route reflector are divided into two groups: client peers and non-client peers (all the other routers in the autonomous system). A route reflector reflects routes between these two groups. The route reflector and its client peers form a cluster. The non-client peers must be fully meshed with each other, but the client peers need not be fully meshed. The clients in the cluster do not communicate with IBGP speakers outside their cluster.

When the route reflector receives an advertised route, it takes one of these actions, depending on the neighbor:

- A route from an external BGP speaker is advertised to all clients and non-client peers.
- A route from a non-client peer is advertised to all clients.
- A route from a client is advertised to all clients and non-client peers. Hence, the clients need not be fully meshed.

To increase redundancy and to avoid a single point of failure, a cluster might have more than one route reflector. In this case, all route reflectors in the cluster must be configured with the same cluster ID so that a route reflector can recognize updates from route reflectors in the same cluster. All the route reflectors serving a cluster should be fully meshed and should have identical sets of client and non-client peers.
4.6 Confederation

Another way to reduce the IBGP mesh is to divide an autonomous system into multiple sub-autonomous systems and group them into a single confederation to make it appear as a single autonomous system. Each autonomous system is fully meshed within itself and has a few connections to other autonomous systems in the same confederation. Even though the peers in different autonomous systems have EBGP sessions, they exchange routing information as if they were IBGP peers.

Specifically, the next hop, MED and local preference information is preserved. A confederation identifier must be configured to act as the autonomous system number for the group of autonomous systems.

4.7 Attributes

BGP has a number of complex attributes used to determine a path to a remote network. These attributes allow greater flexibility and enable a complex routing decision to ensure that the path to a remote network is the best possible path. BGP always propagates the best path to any peers. BGP attributes are carried in update packets.

4.7.1 Multi-Exit Discriminator (MED) Attribute

The multi-exit discriminator (MED) or metric attribute is used as a suggestion to an external AS regarding the preferred route into the AS that is advertising the metric. A lower MED is always preferred.

4.7.2 Local Preference Attribute

If there are multiple exit points from the AS, the local preference attribute is used to select the exit point for a specific route. A higher local preference is always preferred.

4.7.3 Next-Hop Attribute

The EBGP next-hop attribute is the IP address that is used to reach the advertising router. For EBGP peers, the next-hop address is the IP address of the connection between the peers. For IBGP, the EBGP next-hop address is carried into the local AS.

4.7.4 Community Attribute

Communities allow routes to be tagged for use with a group of routers sharing the same characteristics. The community attribute provides a way of grouping destinations, called communities, to which routing decisions (such as acceptance, preference, and redistribution) can be applied. Some of the predefined community attributes are:

- `no-export` - Do not advertise this route to EBGP peers.
- `no-advertise` - Do not advertise this route to any peer.
- `internet` - Advertise this route to the Internet community; all routers in the network belong to it.

The BGP community attribute is an optional transitive attribute of variable length. The attribute consists of a set of four octet values that specify a community. The community attribute values are encoded with an Autonomous System (AS) number in the first two octets, with the remaining two octets defined by the
4.7.5 Cluster ID
This attribute is used in route-reflector environments and is not used for router selection.

A router reflector cluster normally has a single route reflector. To avoid a single point of failure, a cluster can be configured with more than one route reflector. In case of more than one Route Reflector in the group, a cluster of Route reflectors is established. All Router Reflectors in the cluster are in the same cluster-ID.

Route-Reflector algorithm will not accept the update that has the same Cluster-ID as itself in order to prevent looping.

4.8 Filters
A number of different filter methods control the send and receive of BGP updates. BGP updates can be filtered with route information as a basis, or with communities as a basis. Packets that do not match the configured filters are dropped.

4.9 Overlapping Routes
Overlapping routes are non-identical routes that point to the same destination, e.g. 10.10.128.0/17 and 10.10.192.0/18, in which the second route is actually included in the first route.
A BGP speaker can be configured to make the following choices:

a) Install both the less and the more specific routes
b) Install the more specific route only
e) Install the less specific route only

4.10 Synchronization
When a BGP router receives information about a network from an IBGP neighbor, it does not use that information until a matching route is learned via an IGP or static route. This is called Synchronization. It also does not advertise that route to an EBGP neighbor unless a matching route is in the routing table. It is recommended to turn off synchronization when all routers in the autonomous system run BGP.
4.11 BGP Path selection

When a BGP speaker receives updates from multiple autonomous systems that describe different paths to the same destination, it must choose the single best path for reaching that destination. When chosen, the selected path is entered into the BGP routing table and propagated to its neighbors. The decision is based on the value of attributes that the update contains and other BGP-configurable factors.

1. If the next hop address is reachable, consider it.

2. Prefer the largest local preference attribute.

3. If the local preference is the same, prefer the route this local router originated.

4. Prefer the route with the shortest AS path.

5. If this is equal, prefer the route with the origin set to originated (through BGP); IGP is preferred to EGP followed by incomplete.

6. If the origin codes are the same, prefer the route with the lowest MED.

7. If the MED is the same, prefer EBGP over IBGP.

8. Prefer the closest path.

9. Finally, if all paths are equal, prefer the path with lowest BGP router ID.

4.12 Timers

BGP implementation in Supermicro switches maintains different timers for Peers and Route updates.

- The keep alive interval is the time within which keep alive messages are sent to peers.
- The hold time is the interval after which a peer is declared inactive after not receiving a keep alive message from it.
- Route advertisement interval is the interval between sending BGP routing updates.
- Connection Retry timer is the amount of time to wait before re-opening a TCP connection.
- AS Originate Interval is the interval between two subsequent update messages for internal peers.

4.13 Route dampening

Route flap dampening minimizes the propagation of flapping routes across an internetwork. A route is considered to flap when it is repeatedly available and unavailable. When route dampening is enabled, a
numeric penalty value is assigned to a route when it flaps. When a route’s accumulated penalties reach a configurable limit, BGP suppresses advertisements of the route, even if the route is running.

The reuse limit is a configurable value that is compared with the penalty. If the penalty is less than the reuse limit, a suppressed route that is up is advertised again.

Dampening is not applied to routes learned by IBGP as it prevents IBGP peers from having a higher penalty for routes external to the AS.

## 4.14 BGP Configuration

### 4.14.1 BGP Default Configuration

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<td>Synchronization</td>
<td>Disabled</td>
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<tr>
<td>Port</td>
<td>179</td>
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<td>MED Comparison</td>
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<td>Peer</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Overlap policy</td>
<td>Both</td>
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<tr>
<td>Connection retry time</td>
<td>30 seconds</td>
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<td>Hold time</td>
<td>120 seconds</td>
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<tr>
<td>Keep alive</td>
<td>30 seconds</td>
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<td>AS Originate Interval</td>
<td>15 seconds</td>
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<td>Route Advertisement Interval</td>
<td>30 seconds</td>
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<td>Authentication</td>
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<td>EBGP Multihop</td>
<td>Disable</td>
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<td>Next-hop self</td>
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<td>Aggregation</td>
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Pre-requisite: Autonomous System (AS) Number “as-num <value (1-65535)>” and Router-ID “router-id <addr>” must be configured in Supermicro switch prior to BGP Configuration.

### 4.14.2 Enabling BGP

BGP is disabled by default in Supermicro switches. Follow the steps below to enable BGP.

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<td>configure terminal</td>
<td>Enters the configuration mode</td>
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<td>Step 2</td>
<td>router bgp &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>Enable BGP and configure the AS number of the BGP Speaker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 3</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Exits Configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>show bgp-version</td>
<td>Displays the BGP Version information.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>show ip bgp info</td>
<td>Displays the general info about bgp protocol.</td>
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The “no router bgp” command disables BGP in the switch.

### 4.14.3 BGP Peer

Supermicro switches provide option to configure BGP Peer. Follow the steps below to configure BGP Peer.

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<td>Enable BGP and configure the AS number of the BGP Speaker</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step 3</td>
<td>bgp router-id &lt;bgp router id (ip-address)&gt;</td>
<td>Configures the BGP Identifier of the BGP Speaker.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; remote-as &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>Creates a Peer and initiates the connection to the peer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 5</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; {advertisement-interval &lt;seconds&gt;</td>
<td>as-origination-interval &lt;seconds&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 6</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; timers {keepalive &lt;seconds&gt;</td>
<td>holdtime &lt;seconds&gt;}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 7</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; shutdown</td>
<td>(Optional) Disables the Peer session.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 8</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; send-community {both</td>
<td>standard</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Step 9**: neighbor <ip-address> password password-string
(Optional) Configure the password for TCP-MD5 authentication with peer.

**Step 10**: Exit
Exits BGP Router Mode

**Step 11**: shutdown ip bgp
(Optional) Configure the BGP Speaker Global Admin status DOWN.

**Step 12**: End
Exits Configuration mode.

**Step 13**: show ip bgp (neighbor [peer-address]) [rib]
show ip bgp timers
show ip bgp info
Displays the status of all BGP4 connections.
Displays the value of bgp timers.
Displays the general info about bgp protocol.

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no shutdown ip bgp
no neighbor <ip-address>
no neighbor <ip-address> {advertisement-interval | as-origination-interval | connect-retry-interval}
no neighbor <ip-address> timers {keepalive | holdtime}
no neighbor <ip-address> shutdown
no neighbor <ip-address> password

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### 4.14.4 Confederation
Supermicro switches allow configuration of BGP Confederation. Follow the steps below to configure BGP Confederation.

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<td>router bgp &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>Enable BGP and configure the AS number of the BGP Speaker</td>
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<td>Step 3</td>
<td>bgp router-id &lt;bgp router id (ip-address)&gt;</td>
<td>Configures the BGP Identifier of the BGP Speaker.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; remote-as &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>Creates a Peer and initiates the connection to the peer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 5</td>
<td>bgp confederation identifier &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>(Optional) Specify BGP confederation identifier.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 6</td>
<td>bgp confederation peers &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>(Optional) Configure the AS that belongs to the confederation</td>
</tr>
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<td>Step 7</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Exits Configuration mode.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step 8</td>
<td>show ip bgp info</td>
<td>Displays the BGP related information.</td>
</tr>
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<td>show ip bgp confed info</td>
<td>Displays info about confederation feature.</td>
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4.14.5 Attributes

Supermicro switches provide user configuration of BGP attributes. Follow the steps below to configure BGP Attributes.

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<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; remote-as &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>Creates a Peer and initiates the (Optional) connection to the peer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 5</td>
<td>bgp default local-preference &lt;Local Pref Value&gt;</td>
<td>(Optional) Configures the Default Local Preference value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 6</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; ebgp-multihop</td>
<td>(Optional) Enables BGP to establish connection with external peers that are not directly connected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 7</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; next-hop-self</td>
<td>(Optional) Enables BGP to send itself as the next hop for advertised routes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 8</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; send-community {both</td>
<td>standard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 9</td>
<td>bgp always-compare-med</td>
<td>(Optional) Enables the comparison of med for routes received from different autonomous system.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 11</td>
<td>bgp med &lt;1-100&gt; remote-as &lt;0-65535&gt; &lt;ip-address&gt; &lt;ip_mask&gt; [intermediate-as &lt;AS-no list-AS1,AS2,...&gt;] value &lt;value&gt; direction &lt;in</td>
<td>out&gt; [override]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 12</td>
<td>bgp local-preference &lt;1-100&gt; remote-as &lt;0-65535&gt; &lt;ip-address&gt; &lt;ip_mask&gt; [intermediate-as &lt;AS-no list-AS1,AS2,...&gt;] value &lt;value&gt; direction &lt;in</td>
<td>out&gt; [override]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 13</td>
<td>bgp update-filter &lt;1-100&gt; &lt;permit</td>
<td>deny&gt; remote-as &lt;0-65535&gt; &lt;ip-address&gt; &lt;ip_mask&gt; [intermediate-as &lt;AS-no list-AS1,AS2,...&gt;] direction &lt;in</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 14</td>
<td>bgp cluster-id &lt;cluster id value(ip_address)&gt;</td>
<td>(Optional) Configures the Cluster ID for Route Reflector.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The commands “no bgp confederation identifier” and “no bgp confederation peers <AS no(1-65535)>” delete the Confederation ID and peers.
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<td>15</td>
<td>`bgp comm-route {additive</td>
<td>delete} &lt;ip-address&gt; &lt;ip_mask&gt; comm-value &lt;4294967041-4294967043,65536-4294901759&gt;`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>`bgp comm-peer &lt;ip-address&gt; &lt;permit</td>
<td>deny&gt;`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>`bgp comm-filter &lt;ip-address&gt; &lt;permit</td>
<td>deny&gt; &lt;in</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>`bgp comm-policy &lt;ip-address&gt; &lt;ip_mask&gt; &lt;set-add</td>
<td>set-none</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>`bgp ecomm-peer &lt;ip-address&gt; &lt;permit</td>
<td>deny&gt;`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>`bgp ecomm-filter &lt;ecomm-value(xx:xx:..:xx)&gt; &lt;permit</td>
<td>deny&gt; &lt;in</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>`bgp ecomm-policy &lt;ip-address&gt; &lt;ip_mask&gt; &lt;set-add</td>
<td>set-none</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td><code>bgp bestpath med confed</code></td>
<td>(Optional) Enables MED comparison among paths learned from confed peers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td><code>Exit</code></td>
<td>Exits BGP Router Mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>`clear ip bgp {*</td>
<td>&lt;ip-address&gt;} [soft {in</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td><code>End</code></td>
<td>Exits Configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td><code>show ip bgp community community-number(4294967041-4294967043,65536-4294901759) [exact]</code></td>
<td>Displays routes that belong to specified BGP communities.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>show ip bgp filters</code></td>
<td>Displays the contents of filter table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>show ip bgp med</code></td>
<td>Displays the contents of MED table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><code>show ip bgp local-pref</code></td>
<td>Displays the contents of local preference table.</td>
</tr>
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**4.14.6 Route Reflection**

Supermicro switches allow users to configure Route Reflection. Follow the steps below to configure BGP Route Reflection.

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<td>configure terminal</td>
<td>Enters the configuration mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 2</td>
<td>router bgp &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>Enable BGP and configure the AS number of the BGP Speaker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 3</td>
<td>bgp router-id &lt;bgp router id (ip-address)&gt;</td>
<td>Configures the BGP Identifier of the BGP Speaker.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; remote-as &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>Creates a Peer and initiates the connection to the peer.</td>
</tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 5</td>
<td>bgp client-to-client reflection</td>
<td>(Optional) Configures the Route Reflector to support route reflection to Client Peers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 6</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; route-reflector-client</td>
<td>(Optional) Configures the Peer as Client of the Route Reflector.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 7</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Exits Configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 8</td>
<td>show ip bgp {([neighbor [peer-addr]])</td>
<td>[rib]}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>show ip bgp info</td>
<td>Displays the BGP related information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>show ip bgp rfl info</td>
<td>Displays info about Route Reflection feature.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Cluster ID must be configured before configuring Route Reflection.

The “no bgp client-to-client reflection” command disables Route Reflection. The “no neighbor <ip-address> route-reflector-client” commands delete the Route reflection client.

4.14.7 Route Dampening

Supermicro switches provide option to configure Route Dampening. Follow the steps below to configure BGP Route Dampening.

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<td>Enters the configuration mode</td>
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<td>Step 2</td>
<td>router bgp &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>Enable BGP and configure the AS number of the BGP Speaker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 3</td>
<td>bgp router-id &lt;bgp router id (ip-address)&gt;</td>
<td>Configures the BGP Identifier of the BGP Speaker.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>neighbor &lt;ip-address&gt; remote-as &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>Creates a Peer and initiates the connection to the peer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 5</td>
<td>Exit</td>
<td>Exits BGP Router Mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 6</td>
<td>ip bgp dampening [&lt;HalfLife-Time&gt; [&lt;Reuse Value&gt; [&lt;Suppress Value&gt; [Max-Suppress Time&gt;]]]] [s &lt;Decay Granularity&gt; [&lt;Reuse Granularity&gt; [Reuse Array Size&gt;]]]</td>
<td>(Optional) Configures the Dampening Parameters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 7</td>
<td>clear ip bgp &lt;ip-address&gt; flap-statistics</td>
<td>(Optional) Clear flap-statistics counters for all paths from the neighbor at the IP address.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 8</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Exits Configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 9</td>
<td>show ip bgp dampening</td>
<td>Displays the contents of dampening table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>show ip bgp info</td>
<td>Displays the BGP related information.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
show ip bgp dampened-paths

 Displays the dampened routes.

show ip bgp flap-statistics [ip-address]<Mask>

 Displays the statistics of flapped routes.

The “no ip bgp dampening [HalfLife-Time [Reuse-Value [Suppress-Value [Max-Suppress-Time]]]] [-s [Decay-Granularity [Reuse-Granularity [Reuse-Array-Size]]]]” command deletes the BGP Dampening Parameters.

### 4.14.8 Other Parameters

Supermicro switches provide configuration of several BGP parameters, like Synchronization, redistribution etc. Follow the steps below to configure BGP parameters.

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<td>configure terminal</td>
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<td>Step 2</td>
<td>router bgp &lt;AS no(1-65535)&gt;</td>
<td>Enable BGP and configure the AS number of the BGP Speaker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 3</td>
<td>bgp router-id &lt;bgp router id (ip-address)&gt;</td>
<td>Configures the BGP Identifier of the BGP Speaker.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 4</td>
<td>bgp nonbgproute-advt &lt;external</td>
<td>both&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 5</td>
<td>default-metric &lt;Default Metric Value&gt;</td>
<td>(Optional) Configures the Default IGP Metric value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 6</td>
<td>redistribute &lt;static</td>
<td>connected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 7</td>
<td>aggregate-address index &lt;1-100&gt; &lt;ip-address&gt; &lt;ip_mask&gt; [summary-only]</td>
<td>(Optional) Configures an entry in Aggregate Table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 8</td>
<td>Exit</td>
<td>Exits BGP Router Mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 9</td>
<td>ip bgp overlap-policy &lt;more-specific</td>
<td>less-specific</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 10</td>
<td>ip bgp synchronization</td>
<td>(Optional) Enables synchronization between BGP and IGP.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 11</td>
<td>clear ip bgp {*}</td>
<td>&lt;ip-address&gt; [soft {in</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 12</td>
<td>End</td>
<td>Exits Configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Step 13</td>
<td>show ip bgp info</td>
<td>Displays the BGP related information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>show ip bgp aggregate</td>
<td>Displays the contents of aggregate table.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
These commands reset the particular configuration to its default value.

- no ip bgp overlap-policy
- no ip bgp synchronization
- no bgp nonbgproute-advt
- no redistribute <static|connected|rip|ospf|all>
- no default-metric

### 4.14.9 BGP Configuration Example

The example below shows the commands used to configure BGP by connecting 2 switches: Switch A and Switch B.

![Switch B](image1)

**Switch B**

![Switch A](image2)

**Switch A**

**Figure IP-Unicast-Routing-4: BGP Configuration Example**

**On Switch A**

SMIS# configure terminal
SMIS(config)# interface Fx 0/21
SMIS(config-if)# switchport mode access
SMIS(config-if)# switchport access vlan 200
SMIS(config-if)# exit
SMIS(config)# interface vlan 200
SMIS(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.2
SMIS(config-if)# exit
SMIS(config)# as-num 1
SMIS(config)# router-id 10.10.10.2
SMIS(config)# router bgp 1
SMIS(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.1 remote-as 1
SMIS(config-router)# bgp default local-preference 50
SMIS(config-router)# default-metric 50
SMIS(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.1 ebgp-multihop
SMIS(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.1 timers keepalive 10
SMIS(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.1 advertisement-interval 5
SMIS(config-router)# end

SMIS# show ip bgp neighbor
BGP neighbor is 10.10.10.1, remote AS 1, internal link
BGP version 4, remote router ID 10.10.10.1
BGP state = Established, up for 11 minutes 31 seconds
Rcvd update before 0 secs, hold time is 120, keepalive interval is 30 secs
Neighbors Capability:
  Route-Refresh: Advertised and received
  Address family IPv4 Unicast: Advertised and received
Received 24 messages, 0 Updates
Sent 24 messages, 0 Updates
Route refresh: Received 0, sent 0.
Minimum time between advertisement runs is 5 seconds
Connections established 1 time(s)
Local host: 10.10.10.2, Local port: 179
Foreign host: 10.10.10.1, Foreign port: 32768
Last Error: Code 0, SubCode 0.

SMIS# show ip bgp info

Routing Protocol is "bgp 1"
IGP synchronization is disabled
Both more-specific and less-specific overlap route policy is set
Local Preference is 50
Non-bgp routes are advertised to both external and internal peers
MED Comparision is disabled
Metric is 50

Peer Table
Peer Address RemoteAS NextHop MultiHop
----- ------- -------- -------
10.10.10.1 1 automatic enable

TCPMD5 Auth Table
Peer Address Password
----- -------

SMIS# show ip bgp summary

BGP router identifier is 10.10.10.2, local AS number 1

BGP table version is 0
Neighbor Version AS MsgRcvd MsgSent Up/Down State/PfxRcd
-------- ------ -- ------ ------ --------
10.10.10.1 4 1 24 24 00:00:11:41 Established

SMIS# show ip bgp dampening
Half Life Time is 900  
Reuse value is 500  
Suppress value is 3500  
Max Suppress time is 3600  
Decay timer granularity is 1  
Reuse timer granularity is 15  
Reuse index array size is 1024

SMIS# show running-config

Building configuration...  
Switch ID       Hardware Version                Firmware Version

vlan 1  
ports fx 0/1-20 untagged  
ports fx 0/22-48 untagged  
ports cx 0/1-6 untagged  
exit  
vlan 200  
exit

interface Fx 0/21  
switchport mode access  
switchport access vlan 200  
exit

interface vlan 200  
ip address  10.10.10.2 255.0.0.0  
exit

as-num 1  
router-id 192.168.100.102

router bgp 1  
bgp router-id 192.168.100.102  
bgp default local-preference 50  
debug default-metric 50  
neighbor 10.10.10.1 remote-as 1  
neighbor 10.10.10.1 ebgp-multihop  
neighbor 10.10.10.1 timers keepalive 10  
neighbor 10.10.10.1 advertisement-interval 5  
exit

On switch B
SMIS# configure terminal
SMIS(config)# interface Fx 0/21
SMIS(config-if)# switchport mode access
SMIS(config-if)# switchport access vlan 200
SMIS(config-if)# exit
SMIS(config)# interface vlan 200
SMIS(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.1
SMIS(config-if)# exit
SMIS(config)# as-num 1
SMIS(config)# router-id 10.10.10.1
SMIS(config-router)# router bgp 1
SMIS(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.2 remote-as 1
SMIS(config-router)# bgp always-compare-med
SMIS(config-router)# bgp bestpath med confed
SMIS(config-router)# bgp client-to-client reflection
SMIS(config-router)# bgp comm-peer 10.10.10.2 permit
SMIS(config-router)# bgp default local-preference 80
SMIS(config-router)# default-metric 100
SMIS(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.2 timers keepalive 10
SMIS(config-router)# neighbor 10.10.10.2 advertisement-interval 5
SMIS(config-router)# end

SMIS# show ip bgp summary

BGP router identifier is 10.10.10.1, local AS number 1

BGP table version is 0

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Neighbor</th>
<th>Version</th>
<th>AS</th>
<th>MsgRcvd</th>
<th>MsgSent</th>
<th>Up/Down</th>
<th>State/PfxRcd</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>10.10.10.2</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>00:00:9:43</td>
<td>Established</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SMIS# show ip bgp info

Routing Protocol is "bgp 1"
IGP synchronization is disabled
Both more-specific and less-specific overlap route policy is set
Local Preference is 80
Non-bgp routes are advertised to both external and internal peers
MED Comparison is enabled
Metric is 100

Peer Table

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<th>RemoteAS</th>
<th>NextHop</th>
<th>MultiHop</th>
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<tr>
<td>10.10.10.2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>automatic</td>
<td>disable</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
TCPMD5 Auth Table  
Peer Address Password  
---  ------  

SMIS# show ip bgp neighbor  
BGP neighbor is 10.10.10.2, remote AS 1, internal link  
BGP version 4, remote router ID 192.168.100.102  
BGP state = Established, up for 10 minutes 4 seconds  
Rcvd update before 0 secs, hold time is 120, keepalive interval is 30 secs  
Neighbors Capability:  
  Route-Refresh: Advertised and received  
  Address family IPv4 Unicast: Advertised and received  
Received 21 messages, 0 Updates  
Sent 21 messages, 0 Updates  
Route refresh: Received 0, sent 0.  
Minimum time between advertisement runs is 5 seconds  
Connections established 1 time(s)  
Local host: 10.10.10.1, Local port: 32768  
Foreign host: 10.10.10.2, Foreign port: 179  
Last Error: Code 0, SubCode 0.  

SMIS# show ip bgp community peer  
Community Peer Table  
IpAddress SendStatus  
---------  ----------  
10.10.10.2  send  

SMIS# show ip bgp dampened-paths  
Status codes: d dampened, h history,* valid  
Network From LastUpdt Path  
---------  ----  --------  

SMIS# show ip bgp dampening  
Half Life Time is 900  
Reuse value is 500  
Suppress value is 3500  
Max Suppress time is 3600  
Decay timer granularity is 1  
Reuse timer granularity is 15  
Reuse index array size is 1024  

SMIS# show ip bgp timers  
Peer Timers  

Peer Address Holdtime KeepAliveTime ConnectRetry ASOrig RouteAdvt

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10.10.10.2 120 10 30 15 5

SMIS# show ip bgp local-preference

SMIS# show running-config

Building configuration...

Switch ID Hardware Version Firmware Version

vlan 1
ports fx 0/1-20 untagged
ports fx 0/22-48 untagged
ports cx 0/1-6 untagged
exit
vlan 200
exit

interface Fx 0/21
switchport mode access
switchport access vlan 200
exit

interface vlan 200
ip address 10.10.10.1 255.0.0.0
exit

as-num 1
router-id 10.10.10.1

router bgp 1
bgp router-id 10.10.10.1
bgp default local-preference 80
bgp always-compare-med
default-metric 100
bgp bestpath med confed
neighbor 10.10.10.2 remote-as 1
neighbor 10.10.10.2 send-community standard
gbg comm-peer 10.10.10.2 permit
neighbor 10.10.10.2 timers keepalive 10
neighbor 10.10.10.2 advertisement-interval 5
exit
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