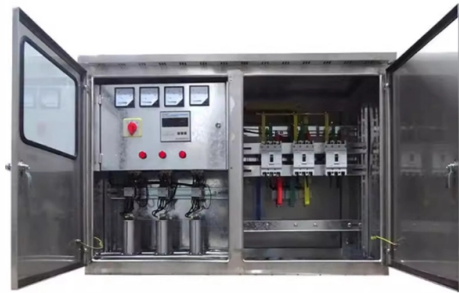


Core switches support BGP/MPLS How to configure



AI Overview

Core switches can support BGP/MPLS by enabling MPLS, configuring LDP, setting up MP-BGP, and binding VRFs to PE interfaces for VPN traffic.

Step 1: Enable MPLS on Core Switches Activate MPLS on all transit interfaces to allow label switching. Configure MPLS LDP (Label Distribution Protocol) to establish LSPs (Label Switched Paths) across the backbone network. Ensure MTU values on all MPLS interfaces are sufficient to handle labeled packets to prevent drops (important on Juniper QFX/EX series).

Step 2: Configure IGP for Backbone Connectivity Use OSPF, IS-IS, or another IGP to provide IP reachability between P (transit) and PE (edge) switches. Verify neighbor relationships and routing table propagation to ensure all core devices can communicate.

Step 3: Configure MP-BGP on PE Switches Enable MP-BGP (Multiprotocol BGP) to exchange VPN routes between PE routers. Define VPNv4 address families for each VRF and activate BGP neighbors, optionally using a Route Reflector for scalability. Specify extended communities to carry VPN route targets, which are mandatory for proper VPN route distribution.

Step 4: Configure VRFs and Bind Interfaces Create VRF instances for each VPN (e.g., `vpn_a`, `vpn_b`) on PE switches. Assign VPN targets (e.g., `111:1` for `vpn_a`, `222:2` for `vpn_b`) to isolate routing and address spaces. Bind PE interfaces connected to CE devices to the corresponding VRFs to provide access for VPN users.

Step 5: Configure PE-CE Routing Use BGP or another dynamic routing protocol (OSPF, EIGRP) between PE and CE devices. If BGP is used, redistribution between protocols is not required. Ensure EBGP sessions are established between PE and CE routers to advertise VPN routes.

Step 6: Verification Check MPLS LSPs using commands like `show mpls ldp neighbor` or `display mpls ldp neighbor`. Verify BGP VPNv4 routes with `show bgp vpnv4 unicast all` or `equi...`

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