Protocol-Dependent Modules

Protocol-dependent modules are responsible for network-layer protocol-specific tasks. An example is the EIGRP module, which is responsible for sending and receiving EIGRP packets that are encapsulated in the IP. The EIGRP module is also responsible for parsing EIGRP packets and informing DUAL about the new information received. EIGRP asks DUAL to make routing decisions, but the results are stored in the IP routing table. Also, EIGRP is responsible for redistributing routes learned from other IP routing protocols.

Goodbye Message

The goodbye message is a feature designed to improve EIGRP network convergence. The goodbye message is broadcast when an EIGRP routing process is shut down to inform adjacent peers about an impending topology change. This feature allows supporting EIGRP peers to synchronize and recalculate neighbor relationships more efficiently than would occur if the peers discovered the topology change after the hold timer expired.

The following message is displayed by devices that run a supported release when a goodbye message is received:

```
*Apr 26 13:48:42.523: %DUAL-5-NBRCHANGE: IP-EIGRP(0) 1: Neighbor 10.1.1.1   (Ethernet0/0)
is down: Interface Goodbye received
```

A Cisco device that runs a software release that does not support the goodbye message can misinterpret the message as a K-value mismatch and display the following error message:

```
*Apr 26 13:48:41.811: %DUAL-5-NBRCHANGE: IP-EIGRP(0) 1: Neighbor    10.1.1.1 (Ethernet0/0)
is down: K-value mismatch
```

Note The receipt of a goodbye message by a nonsupporting peer does not disrupt normal network operation. The nonsupporting peer terminates the session when the hold timer expires. The sending and receiving devices reconverge normally after the sender reloads.

EIGRP Metric Weights

You can use the **metric weights** command to adjust the default behavior of Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP) routing and metric computations. EIGRP metric defaults (K values) have been carefully selected to provide optimal performance in most networks.

Note Adjusting EIGRP metric weights can dramatically affect network performance. Because of the complexity of this task, we recommend that you do not change the default K values without guidance from an experienced network designer.

By default, the EIGRP composite cost metric is a 32-bit quantity that is the sum of segment delays and the lowest segment bandwidth (scaled and inverted) for a given route. The formula used to scale and invert the bandwidth value is 10^7/minimum bandwidth in kilobits per second. However, with the EIGRP Wide Metrics feature, the EIGRP composite cost metric is scaled to include 64-bit metric calculations for EIGRP named mode configurations.

For a network of homogeneous media, this metric reduces to a hop count. For a network of mixed media (FDDI, Gigabit Ethernet (GE), and serial lines running from 9600 bits per second to T1 rates), the route with the lowest metric reflects the most desirable path to a destination.

Mismatched K Values

EIGRP K values are the metrics that EIGRP uses to calculate routes. Mismatched K values can prevent neighbor relationships from being established and can negatively impact network convergence. The example given below explains this behavior between two EIGRP peers (Device-A and Device-B).

The following configuration is applied to Device-A. The K values are changed using the **metric weights** command. A value of 2 is entered for the *k1* argument to adjust the bandwidth calculation. A value of 1 is entered for the *k3* argument to adjust the delay calculation.

```
Device(config)# hostname Device-A
Device-A(config)# interface serial 0
Device-A(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
Device-A(config-if)# exit
Device-A(config)# router eigrp name1
Device-A(config-router)# address-family ipv4 autonomous-system 4533
Device-A(config-router-af)# network 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255
Device-A(config-router-af)# metric weights 0 2 0 1 0 0 1
```

The following configuration is applied to Device-B, and the default K values are used. The default K values are 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, and 0.

```
Device(config)# hostname Device-B
Device-B(config)# interface serial 0
Device-B(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.2 255.255.255.0
Device-B(config-if)# exit
Device-B(config)# router eigrp name1
Device-B(config-router)# address-family ipv4 autonomous-system 4533
Device-B(config-router-af)# network 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255
Device-B(config-router-af)# metric weights 0 1 0 1 0 0 0
```

The bandwidth calculation is set to 2 on Device-A and set to 1 (by default) on Device-B. This configuration prevents these peers from forming a neighbor relationship.

The following error message is displayed on the console of Device-B because the K values are mismatched:

```
*Apr 26 13:48:41.811: %DUAL-5-NBRCHANGE: IP-EIGRP(0) 1: Neighbor 10.1.1.1 (Ethernet0/0) is
 down: K-value mismatch
```

The following are two scenarios where the above error message can be displayed:

- Two devices are connected on the same link and configured to establish a neighbor relationship. However, each device is configured with different K values.
- One of two peers has transmitted a “peer-termination” message (a message that is broadcast when an EIGRP routing process is shut down), and the receiving device does not support this message. The receiving device will interpret this message as a K-value mismatch.

Routing Metric Offset Lists

An offset list is a mechanism for increasing incoming and outgoing metrics to routes learned via EIGRP. Optionally, you can limit the offset list with either an access list or an interface.

Note Offset lists are available only in IPv4 configurations. IPv6 configurations do not support offset lists.

EIGRP Cost Metrics

When EIGRP receives dynamic raw radio link characteristics, it computes a composite EIGRP cost metric based on a proprietary formula. To avoid churn in the network as a result of a change in the link characteristics, a tunable dampening mechanism is used.

EIGRP uses metric weights along with a set of vector metrics to compute the composite metric for local RIB installation and route selections. The EIGRP composite cost metric is calculated using the formula:

EIGRP composite cost metric = 256*((K1*Bw) + (K2*Bw)/(256 – Load) + (K3*Delay)*(K5/(Reliability + K4)))

EIGRP uses one or more vector metrics to calculate the composite cost metric. The table below lists EIGRP vector metrics and their descriptions.

Table 1: EIGRP Vector Metrics

Vector Metric	Description
bandwidth	The minimum bandwidth of the route, in kilobits per second. It can be 0 or any positive integer. The bandwidth for the formula is scaled and inverted by the following formula: (10^7/minimum bandwidth (Bw) in kilobits per second)
delay	Route delay, in tens of microseconds.
delay reliability	The likelihood of successful packet transmission, expressed as a number between 0 and 255, where 255 means 100 percent reliability and 0 means no reliability.
load	The effective load of the route, expressed as a number from 0 to 255 (255 is 100 percent loading).
mtu	The minimum maximum transmission unit (MTU) size of the route, in bytes. It can be 0 or any positive integer.

EIGRP monitors metric weights on an interface to allow the tuning of EIGRP metric calculations and indicate the type of service (ToS). The table below lists the K values and their defaults.

Table 2: EIGRP K-Value Defaults

Setting	Default Value
K1	1
K2	0
K3	1
K4	0
K5	0

Most configurations use the delay and bandwidth metrics, with bandwidth taking precedence. The default formula of 256*(Bw + Delay) is the EIGRP metric. The bandwidth for the formula is scaled and inverted by the following formula:

(10^7/minimum Bw in kilobits per second)

Note You can change the weights, but these weights must be the same on all devices.

For example, look at a link whose bandwidth to a particular destination is 128 k and the delay is 84,000 microseconds.

By using a cut-down formula, you can simplify the EIGRP metric calculation to 256*(Bw + Delay), thus resulting in the following value:

Metric = $256*(10^7/128 + 84000/10) = 256*86525 = 22150400$

To calculate route delay, divide the delay value by 10 to get the true value in tens of microseconds.

When EIGRP calculates the delay for Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANET) and the delay is obtained from a device interface, the delay is always calculated in tens of microseconds. In most cases, when using MANET, you will not use the interface delay, but rather the delay that is advertised by the radio. The delay you will receive from the radio is in microseconds, so you must adjust the cut-down formula as follows:

Metric = $(256*(10^7/128) + (84000*256)/10) = 20000000 + 2150400 = 22150400$

Route Summarization

You can configure EIGRP to perform automatic summarization of subnet routes into network-level routes. For example, you can configure subnet 172.16.1.0 to be advertised as 172.16.0.0 over interfaces that have been configured with subnets of 192.168.7.0. Automatic summarization is performed when two or more **network** router configuration or address family configuration commands are configured for an EIGRP process. This feature is enabled by default.

Route summarization works in conjunction with the **ip summary-address eigrp** command available in interface configuration mode for autonomous system configurations and with the **summary-address** (EIGRP) command for named configurations. You can use these commands to perform additional summarization. If