# MPLS L1

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### Introduction

In this lab, we are learning the functioning mechanics of an MPLS core, how it works. We learn how to set up the topology and configure in GNS3.

# **Objectives**

- Discover how MPLS labels are generated
- Discover how the MPLS labels are exchanged
- Discover how the labels are installed by routers
- View the structure of the MPLS forwarding table
- View the encapsulation of IPv4 packets into MPLS packets

#### Part 1

### Mechanics of MPLS and LDP

### R4 mpls forwarding table after enabling on interface f1/0

• R4	·	× • R3		• R2		• R1	⊕	-	_	×
R4#sh mpls	forwarding	-table								^
Local Label	Outgoing Label	Prefix or Tunnel Id	Bytes Label Switched	Outgoing interface	Next Hop					
16	No Label	10.0.12.0/30		Fa1/0	10.0.34.1					
17	No Label	192.168.1.0/24		Fa1/0	10.0.34.1					
18	No Label	192.168.2.0/24		Fa1/0	10.0.34.1					
19	No Label	10.1.1.1/32		Fa1/0	10.0.34.1					
20	No Label	10.2.2.2/32		Fa1/0	10.0.34.1					
21	No Label	10.0.23.0/30		Fa1/0	10.0.34.1					
22	No Label	192.168.3.0/24		Fa1/0	10.0.34.1					
23 R4#	No Label	10.3.3.3/32	0	Fa1/0	10.0.34.1					

Figure 1.

### **Explanation**

When enabling mpls ip in interface f1/0, there are no outgoing labels or bytes switching because mpls ip is only enabled on one interface and the other router does not have mpls ip enabled. Looking at the data/snippets that was accumulated mpls ip does not give labels to directly connected devices rather the devices the other connections are connected to. Looking at the local labels, because MPLS has designated 1 to 14 in a cisco router as special cases, the number skips one and starts at 16, each time the router has a path the number increases by 1. Every connection has a local label that is in someway directly connected to each other.

### R4 mpls forwarding table after adding R3 interface f1/0

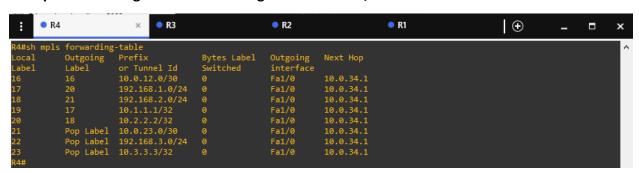


Figure 2.

### R3 mpls forwarding table after enabling interface f1/0

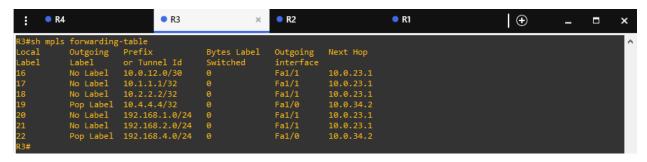


Figure 3.

### **Explanation**

After adding mpls ip to R3 interface f1/0, which is directly connected to R4, the table on R4 gets filled with the Pop labels and the outgoing interfaces. Within the forwarding table of R4, the label called pop label is added to the connections going out of R3. As well as when viewing within the forwarding table of R3, the pop label is added to the outgoing interfaces of R4.

### R3 mpls forwarding table after adding interface f1/1



Figure 4.

### **Explanation**

After adding mpls ip on interface f1/1 of R3, there is no change in the labels due to the fact that mpls ip is not enabled in the interface connecting from R2, so it does not recognize any outgoing labels.

### R2 mpls forwarding table after adding R3

:	• R4		• R3		• R2	×	• R1	⊕	_		×
R2#sh mpls forwarding-table											
Local Label		Outgoing Label	Prefix or Tunnel Id	Bytes Label Switched	Outgoing interface	Next Hop					
16			10.0.34.0/30	0	Fa1/1	10.0.23.2					
17		No Label	10.1.1.1/32		Fa1/0	10.0.12.1					
18		Pop Label	10.3.3.3/32		Fa1/1	10.0.23.2					
19		19	10.4.4.4/32		Fa1/1	10.0.23.2					
20		No Label	192.168.1.0/24		Fa1/0	10.0.12.1					
21		Pop Label	192.168.3.0/24		Fa1/1	10.0.23.2					
22	1-	22		0	Fa1/1	10.0.23.2					

Figure 5.

### **Explanation**

After enabling mpls ip on the interface f1/1 in R2, the forwarding table gets populated with the updated labels. The pop labels get added to the connections that are connected from R3 instead of from R2. There is no outgoing label for R1, and the network connected to R1 because mpls ip is not enabled on any of the interfaces of R1, however they are still statically connected so that is why they show up on the forwarding-table. In R2, compared to R3 and R4, the local labels are labeled to different addresses.

### R1 mpls forwarding table after adding R2 interface f1/0



Figure 6.

### **Explanation**

Looking inside R1's mpls forwarding-table, there is no data after adding mpls ip in R2's interface f1/0 because mpls ip is not activated/enabled on the connection coming out from R1 to R2.

### R1 mpls forwarding table after adding R1 int f1/0

:	• R4		• R3		<ul><li>R2</li></ul>		• R1	×	⊕	_	×
R1#sh	mpls f	orwarding	-table								^
Local Label 16	L P	abel Op Label	Prefix or Tunnel Id 10.0.23.0/30	Bytes Label Switched 0	Outgoing interface Fa1/0	Next Hop 10.0.12.2					
17 18 19	P 1	18	10.0.34.0/30 10.2.2.2/32 10.3.3.3/32	0	Fa1/0 Fa1/0 Fa1/0	10.0.12.2 10.0.12.2 10.0.12.2					
20 21 22 23	P 2	19 Pop Label 21 22	10.4.4.4/32 192.168.2.0/24 192.168.3.0/24 192.168.4.0/24	0 0 0	Fa1/0 Fa1/0 Fa1/0 Fa1/0	10.0.12.2 10.0.12.2 10.0.12.2 10.0.12.2					
R1#	_				, -						

Figure 7.

### **Explanation**

With adding mpls ip to the connection from R1 to R2 the forwarding-table in R1 gets populated with the updated local labels for the outgoing interfaces. R2 which is the neighbor to R1 gets all of its routes designated as pop labels, the other labels depend on the route and how long it would take the packets to travel. The labels that have numbers on the outgoing labels coincide with the designated local interfaces depending on where they are connected, and which interface is the next hop. The local labels are updated to whichever route the router is directly connected to.

# **Diagrams**

#### R1

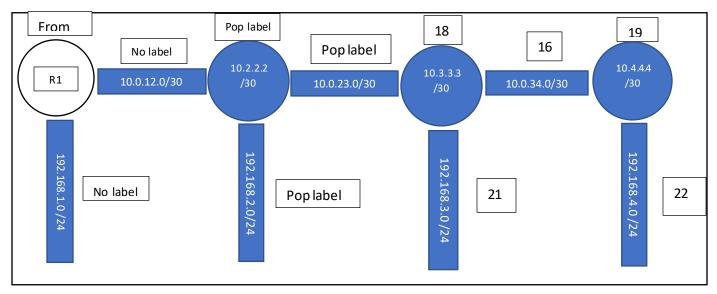


Figure 8.

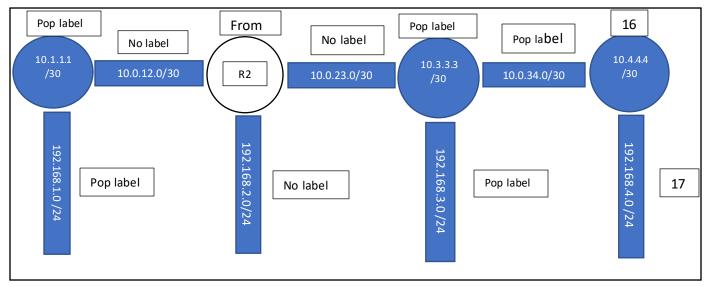


Figure 9.

R3

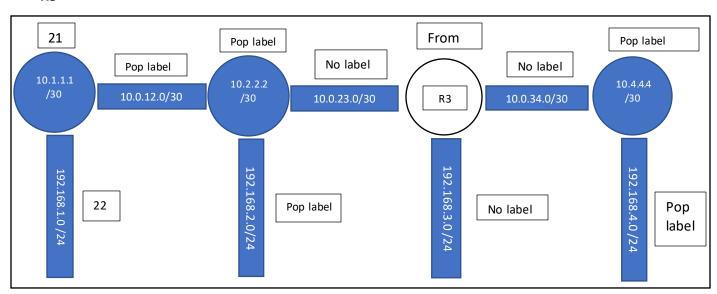


Figure 10.

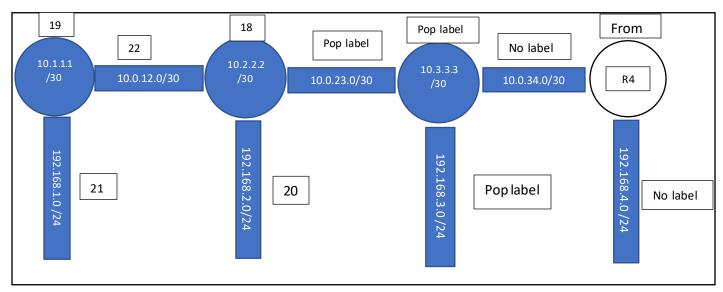


Figure 11.

### Part 2

# MPLS Layer 3 VPVn4, PE-CE static

# Diagram

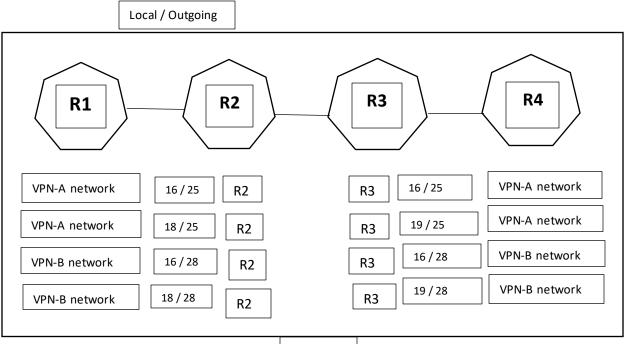


Figure 12.

# R1 mpls forwarding-table 10.4.4.4



Figure 13.

# R2 mpls forwarding-table 10.4.4.4

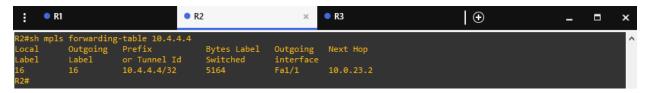


Figure 14.

# R3 mpls forwarding-table 10.4.4.4

```
R3#sh mpls forwarding-table 10.4.4.4
Local Outgoing Prefix Bytes Label Outgoing Next Hop
Label Label or Tunnel Id Switched interface
16 Pop Label 10.4.4.4/32 4888 Fa1/0 10.0.34.2
R3#
R3#
R3#
R3#
```

Figure 15.

### Traceroute from R5 to 10.6.6.6

```
R5#traceroute 10.6.6.6
Type escape sequence to abort.
Tracing the route to 10.6.6.6
VRF info: (vrf in name/id, vrf out name/id)
1 10.0.15.1 24 msec 28 msec 24 msec
2 10.0.12.2 [MPLS: Labels 16/25 Exp 0] 152 msec 148 msec 156 msec
3 10.0.23.2 [MPLS: Labels 16/25 Exp 0] 148 msec 144 msec 148 msec
4 10.0.46.1 [MPLS: Label 25 Exp 0] 120 msec 116 msec 108 msec
5 10.0.46.2 152 msec 136 msec 156 msec
R5#
```

Figure 16.

### Traceroute from R6 to 10.5.5.5

```
R6#traceroute 10.5.5.5

Type escape sequence to abort.

Tracing the route to 10.5.5.5

VRF info: (vrf in name/id, vrf out name/id)

1 10.0.46.1 24 msec 36 msec 24 msec

2 10.0.34.1 [MPLS: Labels 19/25 Exp 0] 152 msec 148 msec 152 msec

3 10.0.23.1 [MPLS: Labels 18/25 Exp 0] 148 msec 144 msec 140 msec

4 10.0.15.1 [MPLS: Label 25 Exp 0] 124 msec 120 msec 112 msec

5 10.0.15.2 152 msec 148 msec 144 msec

R6#
```

Figure 17.

### Trace route from R7 to 10.8.8.8

```
R7#traceroute 10.8.8.8

Type escape sequence to abort.

Tracing the route to 10.8.8.8

VRF info: (vrf in name/id, vrf out name/id)

1 10.0.17.1 16 msec 28 msec 24 msec

2 10.0.12.2 [MPLS: Labels 16/28 Exp 0] 152 msec 148 msec 148 msec

3 10.0.23.2 [MPLS: Labels 16/28 Exp 0] 140 msec 152 msec 144 msec

4 10.0.48.1 [MPLS: Label 28 Exp 0] 112 msec 124 msec 112 msec

5 10.0.48.2 152 msec 148 msec 148 msec

R7#
```

Figure 18.

### Traceroute from R8 to 10.7.7.7

```
R8#traceroute 10.7.7.7
Type escape sequence to abort.
Tracing the route to 10.7.7.7
VRF info: (vrf in name/id, vrf out name/id)
1 10.0.48.1 20 msec 28 msec 28 msec
2 10.0.34.1 [MPLS: Labels 19/28 Exp 0] 152 msec 144 msec 152 msec
3 10.0.23.1 [MPLS: Labels 18/28 Exp 0] 144 msec 148 msec 144 msec
4 10.0.17.1 [MPLS: Label 28 Exp 0] 120 msec 116 msec 120 msec
5 10.0.17.2 140 msec 156 msec 144 msec
```

Figure 18.

### **MPLS**

Looking at the function of MPLS Layer 3 VPNv4 model, based on the information collected from the trace route, the MPLS core acts as an intermediary to transfer information quick between two vpn's over an area larger than the current network allows. Looking at the trace route from R1,2, the outgoing labels are equal paths and the one from R3 to R4 is a pop label. The MPLS core is a way for networks over long distances to communicate with each other easily. The protocol used within the mpls core is OSPF and BGP is used for communicating between the VPN's that are in different areas.

# **Configurations**

R1

```
• R5
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                         R6
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                                        R7
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                                                                                                                                                                 ip vrf VPN-A
rd 65144:11
 route-target export 65144:11
route-target import 65144:21
:
ip vrf VPN-B
rd 65144:12
route-target export 65144:12
route-target import 65144:22
.
no ip domain lookup
ip cef
no ipv6 cef
multilink bundle-name authenticated
ip tcp synwait-time 5
 .
interface Loopback0
ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.255
interface FastEthernet0/0
ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0
duplex full
interface FastEthernet1/0
ip address 10.0.12.1 255.255.255.252
speed auto
duplex auto
mpls ip
interface FastEthernet1/1
ip vrf forwarding VPN-A
ip address 10.0.15.1 255.255.255.252
speed auto
--More--
```

```
. ■ R5 ■ R6 ■ R7 ■ R8 ■ R1 × ■ R2 ■ R3 ■ R4
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   duplex auto
   interface FastEthernet2/0
ip vrf forwarding VPN-B
ip address 10.0.17.1 255.255.255.252
speed auto
duplex auto
   nnterface FastEthernet2/1
no ip address
shutdown
speed auto
duplex auto
   nterface GigabitEthernet3/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
   outer ospf 1
router-id 10.1.1.1
network 10.0.12.0 0.0.0.3 area 0
network 10.1.1.1 0.0.0.0 area 0
network 192.168.1.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
   outer bgp 65144
bgp log-neighbor-changes
no bgp default ipv4-unicast
neighbor 10.4.4.4 remote-as 65144
neighbor 10.4.4.4 update-source Loopback0
   !
address-family ipv4
neighbor 10.4.4.4 activate
exit-address-family
   !
address-family vpnv4
neighbor 10.4.4.4 activate
neighbor 10.4.4.4 send-community both
exit-address-family
   !
address-family ipv4 vrf VPN-A
redistribute connected
redistribute static
exit-address-family
    !
address-family ipv4 vrf VPN-B
redistribute connected
redistribute static
exit-address-family
    o ip http server
o ip http secure-server
ip route vrf VPN-A 10.5.5.5 255.255.255.255 10.0.15.2
ip route vrf VPN-A 192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0 10.0.15.2
ip route vrf VPN-B 10.7.7.7 255.255.255.25 10.0.17.2
ip route vrf VPN-B 192.168.3.0 255.255.255.0 10.0.17.2
!
line con 0
exec-timeout 0 0
privilege level 15
logging synchronous
stopbits 1
line aux 0
exec-timeout 0 0
privilege level 15
logging synchronous
stopbits 1
line vty 0 4
login
```

Figure 19.

```
■ R5 ■ R6
                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ⊕
  interface Loopback0
ip address 10.2.2.2 255.255.255.255
   interface FastEthernet0/0
ip address 192.168.2.1 255.255.255.0
duplex full
   interface FastEthernet1/0
ip address 10.0.12.2 255.255.255.252
speed auto
duplex auto
mpls ip
   nterface FastEthernet1/1
ip address 10.0.23.1 255.255.255.252
speed auto
duplex auto
mpls ip
   interface FastEthernet2/0
no ip address
shutdown
speed auto
duplex auto
   interface FastEthernet2/1
no ip address
shutdown
speed auto
duplex auto
   interface GigabitEthernet3/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
   nterface GigabitEthernet4/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
   outer ospf 1
router-id 10.2.2.2
network 10.0.12.0 0.0.0.3 area 0
network 10.0.23.0 0.0.0.3 area 0
network 10.2.2.2 0.0.0.0 area 0
network 192.168.2.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
   no ip http server
no ip http secure-server
line con 0
exec-timeout 0 0
privilege level 15
logging synchronous
stopbits 1
line aux 0
exec-timeout 0 0
privilege level 15
logging synchronous
stopbits 1
line vty 0 4
login
!
```

R4

R7R8

Figure 20.

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• R2 • R3 × • R4
  ■ R5 ■ R6
                                                      R7
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interface Loopback0
ip address 10.3.3.3 255.255.255.255
  :
interface FastEthernet0/0
ip address 192.168.3.1 255.255.255.0
duplex full
  interface FastEthernet1/0
ip address 10.0.34.1 255.255.255.252
speed auto
duplex auto
mpls ip
  interface FastEthernet1/1
ip address 10.0.23.2 255.255.255.252
speed auto
duplex auto
mpls ip
!
interface FastEthernet2/0
no ip address
shutdown
speed auto
duplex auto
 :
interface GigabitEthernet3/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
 :
interface GigabitEthernet4/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
  router ospf 1
router-id 10.3.3.3
network 10.0.23.0 0.0.0.3 area 0
network 10.0.34.0 0.0.0.3 area 0
network 10.3.3.3 0.0.0.0 area 0
network 192.168.3.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
   o ip http server
o ip http secure-server
 line con 0
exec-timeout 0 0
privilege level 15
logging synchronous
stopbits 1
line aux 0
exec-timeout 0 0
privilege level 15
logging synchronous
stopbits 1
line vty 0 4
login
```

Figure 21.

```
R5
                        R6
                                       R7
                                                     R8
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ip vrf VPN-A
rd 65144:21
 route-target export 65144:21
route-target import 65144:11
:
ip vrf VPN-B
rd 65144:22
route-target export 65144:22
route-target import 65144:12
no ip domain lookup
ip cef
multilink bundle-name authenticated
ip tcp synwait-time 5
 interface Loopback0
ip address 10.4.4.4 255.255.255.255
 interface FastEthernet0/0
ip address 192.168.4.1 255.255.255.0
duplex full
 interface FastEthernet1/0
ip address 10.0.34.2 255.255.252
speed auto
duplex auto
mpls ip
 .
interface FastEthernet1/1
ip vrf forwarding VPN-A
ip address 10.0.46.1 255.255.255.252
speed auto
```

```
duplex auto
 :
Interface FastEthernet2/0
ip vrf forwarding VPN-B
ip address 10.0.48.1 255.255.255.252
speed auto
duplex auto
  nterface FastEthernet2/1
no ip address
shutdown
speed auto
duplex auto
 interface GigabitEthernet3/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
 interface GigabitEthernet4/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
  outer ospf 1
router-id 10.4.4.4
network 10.0.34.0 0.0.0.3 area 0
network 10.4.4.4 0.0.0.0 area 0
network 192.168.4.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
  outer bgp 65144
bgp log-neighbor-changes
no bgp default ipv4-unicast
neighbor 10.1.1.1 remote-as 65144
neighbor 10.1.1.1 update-source Loopback0
  address-family ipv4
neighbor 10.1.1.1 activate
exit-address-family
  ddress-family vpnv4
neighbor 10.1.1.1 activate
neighbor 10.1.1.1 send-community both
exit-address-family
  !
address-family ipv4 vrf VPN-A
redistribute connected
redistribute static
exit-address-family
  !
address-family ipv4 vrf VPN-B
redistribute connected
redistribute static
exit-address-family
 ip forward-protocol nd
no ip http server
no ip http_secure-server
```

```
ip dncp excluded-address 192.168.1.1 192.168.1.9

ip dncp pool pcl
network 192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0

default-router 192.168.1.1

no ip domain lookup

ip cef

multilink bundle-name authenticated

interface Loopback0

ip address 18.5.5.5 255.255.255.255

interface FastEthernet1/0

in p dadress 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0

duplex auto

duplex auto
```

```
interface FastEthernet2/1

no ip address
shutdown
speed auto
duplex auto
interface GigabitEthernet3/0

no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
interface GigabitEthernet4/0

no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
'couter ospf 1

router ospf 1

router-id 18.5.5.5
network 10.5.5.5 0.0.0.0 area 0
network 19.5.5.5 0.0.0.0 area 0
network 19.5.5.5 0.0.0.0 area 0
ip forward-protocol nd

to ip http server
no ip http server
no ip http secure-server
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0 10.0.15.1

control-plane
incontrol-plane
in
```

Figure 23.

```
!
no ip domain lookup
ip cef
no ipv6 cef
:
ip tcp synwait-time 5
interface Loopback0
ip address 10.6.6.6 255.255.255.255
  nterface FastEthernet0/0
ip address 192.168.2.1 255.255.255.0
duplex full
  nterface FastEthernet1/1
ip address 10.0.46.2 255.255.255.252
speed auto
duplex auto
  nterface FastEthernet2/0
no ip address
shutdown
speed auto
duplex auto
  nterface GigabitEthernet3/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
  nterface GigabitEthernet4/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
```

Figure 24.

```
: ● R5 ● R6 ● R7 × ● R8 ● R1 ● R2 ● R3 ● R4 ● ⊕

ip dhcp excluded-address 192,168.3.1 192,168.3.9

ip dhcp pool pc3
network 192,168.3.0 255.255.255.0

default-router 192,168.3.1
!
ip tcp synwait-time 5
      terface FastEthernet2/0
p address 10.0.17.2 255.255.255.252
peed auto
uplex auto
     terface GigabitEthernet3/0
o ip address
hutdown
egotiation auto
```

Figure 25.

```
no ip domain lookup
ip cef
no ipv6 cef
:
ip tcp synwait-time 5
interface Loopback0
ip address 10.8.8.8 255.255.255.255
 nterface GigabitEthernet3/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
 nterface GigabitEthernet4/0
no ip address
shutdown
negotiation auto
```

Figure 26.