MPLS-enabled Network Services & Applications

PROJECT

Configuration and testing of three design options of internet access service to VPN customers

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Introduction

The goal of the project is to configure and test three different design options for internet access service to VPN customers. The following types of design options for the mentioned service are considered:

- VRF Specific Default Route
- Separate PE-CE Sub-interfaces
- Extranet with Internet VRF

For each specific configuration, different topology will be built and configured to visualize the effect of each specific design option. Every subsection begins with short theoretical explanation of the presented feature. Then, the network topology built in the laboratory, required for the experiments is presented. Next, the configuration of the devices is given and finally the expected result and verification method. In the last paragraph, the conclusions from the conducted experiments are summarized.

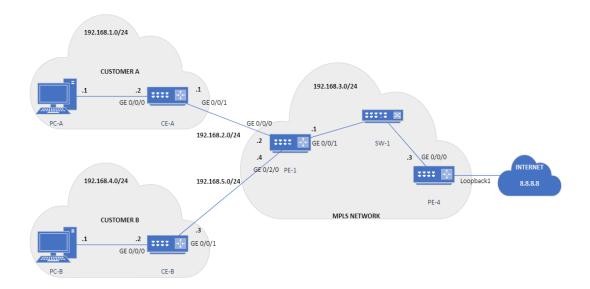
VRF Specific Default Route

Theoretical Introduction

In this section, the configuration of Internet Access Service is provided with the use of VRF Specific Default Route. This solution acquires setting default route on PE-1 from Customer A and Customer B traffic to the router on which the Internet is available (PE-4). From backward traffic (Internet to Customer A and B), the static route pointing to the VRF interface is configured pointing to the neighbour on the internet access routers (PE-4). For the purpose of traffic capture and analysis, the switch SW-1 was added to the below configuration. The role of Internet is simulated by the Loopback1 interface on the PE-4 router visible in the below topology.

Topology

For configuring the kind of Internet Access Service introduced in the previous paragraph, the below topology was prepared in the laboratory.



Configuration

Basic configuration

In this section, the basic configuration should be made. This includes:

- interfaces (including loopbacks) addressing as shown in the *Topology* section
- OSPF configuration on each router (including advertising loopbacks)
- MPLS configuration in Core part of the network

Because of that the aforementioned points acquire only the fundamental configuration; these points are not included in the report.

Additionally, the VRFs and separate ospf processes for each VPN should be configured in the following way on PE-1.

```
ip vrf VPN-B
!
router ospf 10 vrf VPN-A
network 192.168.2.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
!
router ospf 20 vrf VPN-B
network 192.168.5.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0
ip vrf forwarding VPN-B
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
ip vrf forwarding VPN-A
```

Configuration 1 - Separate OSPF process for each VPN on PE-1

Finally, the monitor session should be configured to observe the traffic that is passing through the link between the PE-1 and PE-4.

```
monitor session 1 source interface Gi1/0/1
monitor session 1 destination interface Gi1/0/3
```

Configuration 2 - Monitor session configuration on SW-1

Default routes configuration

On the CE-A and CE-B routers, the default route for the Internet traffic should be configured. This route should redirect all the Internet traffic to the provider router.

```
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 192.168.2.2
```

Configuration 3 - Default route configuration on CE-A

```
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 192.168.5.4
```

Configuration 4 - Default route configuration on CE-B

Additionally, on the PE-1 router, the VRF VPN-A and VPN-B default routes with *global* option should be enabled. This will inform router that it should look for the next hop in the global routing table.

```
ip route vrf VPN-A 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 192.168.3.3 global ip route vrf VPN-B 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 192.168.3.3 global
```

Last default route that is supposed to be configured is for the Internet traffic at the PE-4 router. It should redirect the traffic to the PE-1 router.

```
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 192.168.3.1
```

Configuration 6 - Default route configuration on PE-4

Static route configuration

As the traffic from the Internet to the client will be passing through the PE-1, it should be aware of the route to the client routers. They should be added as thedefault routes on PE-1

```
ip route 192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0 GigabitEthernet0/0/0
ip route 192.168.4.0 255.255.255.0 GigabitEthernet0/2/0
```

Configuration 7 - Static route configuration on PE-1

Verification

For the purpose of appropriate verification of the configurations that we made, the inspection of the configured functionalities is divided into the following parts:

- Inspection on client computers
- Inspection on provider routers
- Inspection on client routers

Inspection on client computers

Ping from PC –A to the simulated Internet on Loopback1 in PE-4

Verification 1 - Ping from PC-A to the Internet

Ping from PC-B to the simulated Internet on Loopback1 in PE-4

```
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix :
Link-local IPv6 Address . . : fe80::d29c:7633:238d:f2d3%9
IPv4 Address . . . : 192.168.56.1
Subnet Mask . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . :

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix :
Link-local IPv6 Address . . : fe80::ccc8:fc30:9eb1:23b6%16
IPv4 Address . . . : 192.168.1.1
Subnet Mask . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . : 192.168.1.2

C:\Users\student\ping 8.8.8.8

Pinging 8.8.8.8 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 8.8.8.8 bytes=32 time<Ims TTL=253
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time<Ims TTL=253
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=Ims TTL=253
Reply from 8.8.8.8:
```

Verification 2 - Ping from PC-B to the Internet

Inspection on provider routers

Global routing table on PE-1:

```
PE1#show ip route

10.0.0.0/32 is subnetted, 2 subnets
C 10.0.0.3 is directly connected, Loopback0
O 10.0.0.4 [110/2] via 192.168.3.3, 00:19:49, GigabitEthernet0/0/1
S 192.168.1.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/0
192.168.3.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C 192.168.3.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/1
L 192.168.3.1/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/1
S 192.168.4.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/2/0
```

Verification 3 - Global routing table on PE-1

VRF VPN-A routing table on PE-1

Verification 4 - VRF VPN-A routing table on PE-1

VRF VPN-B routing table on PE-1

C 192.168.5.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/2/0 192.168.5.4/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/2/0

Verification 5 - VRF VPN-B routing table on PE-1

Global routing table on PE-4

PE-4#sh ip route S* 0.0.0.0/0 [1/0] via 192.168.3.1 8.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks C 8.8.8.0/24 is directly connected, Loopback1 L 8.8.8.8/32 is directly connected, Loopback1

10.0.0.0/32 is directly connected, Loopback 1

O 10.0.0.3 [110/2] via 192.168.3.1, 00:42:03, GigabitEthernet0/0/0

C 10.0.0.4 is directly connected, Loopback0

192.168.3.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks

C 192.168.3.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/0

L 192.168.3.3/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/0

Verification 6 - Global routing table on PE-4

Inspection on client routers

Global routing table on CE-A

R1#show ip route

S* 0.0.0.0/0 [1/0] via 192.168.2.2

is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/1

10.0.0.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets

C 10.0.0.1 is directly connected, Loopback0

192.168.1.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks

C 192.168.1.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/0

L 192.168.1.2/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/0

192.168.2.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks

C 192.168.2.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/1

192.168.2.1/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/1

Verification 7 - Global routing table on CE-A

Global routing table on CE-B

R2#show ip route

S* 0.0.0.0/0 [1/0] via 192.168.5.4

10.0.0.0/32 is subnetted, 1 subnets

C 10.0.0.2 is directly connected, Loopback0

192.168.4.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks

C 192.168.4.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/0

192.168.4.2/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/0 192.168.5.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks

C 192.168.5.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/1

L 192.168.5.3/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0/1

Verification 8 - Global routing table on CE-B

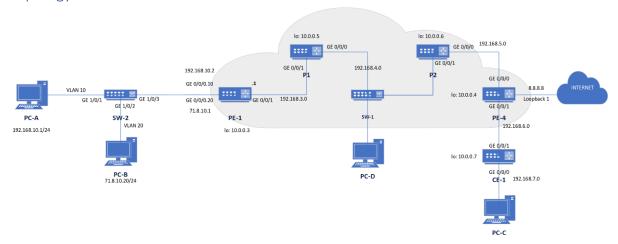
Separate PE-CE Sub-interfaces

Theoretical Introduction

We will create VPN connection between PC-A <=> PC-C and Internet access for PC-B. It will be done by separating above traffic via different VLAN tags on customer side and configuring two sub interfaces on PE-1:

- One for VPN traffic (VLAN 10)
- One for Internet access (VLAN 20)

Topology



Configuration

SW-2

- configure interfaces G1/0/1 (vlan 10), G1/0/2 (vlan 20) in access mode
- configure G1/0/3 as a trunk to forward vlan 10 and 20 traffic

PE-1

Create VRF to separate VPN related routes from global routing table:

```
ip vrf VPN-A
rd 60000:11
route-target export 60000:11
route-target import 60000:12
```

Configuration 8 - VRF creation

Apply basic configuration for all physical interfaces (+ loopback). Enable MPLS on interface G0/0/1. Then create below sub interfaces:

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
no ip address
no sh

interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0.10  # sub interface for VPN connection
encapsulation dot1Q 10  # match VLAN 10 traffic
ip vrf forwarding VPN-A  # bind VRF to sub interface
```

```
ip address 192.168.10.2 255.255.255.0
no sh

interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0.20  # sub interface for Internet access
encapsulation dot1Q 20
ip address 71.8.10.1 255.255.255.0
no sh
```

Configuration 9 - Subinterfaces creation

Configure core OSPF:

```
router ospf 1
router-id 10.0.0.3
network 10.0.0.3 0.0.0.0 area 0
network 71.8.10.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
network 192.168.3.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
```

Configuration 10 - OSPF core configuration

We must create MP-BGP session with PE-4 in order to advertise VPNv4 prefixes:

```
router bgp 60000
neighbor 10.0.0.4 remote-as 60000 #PE-4 loopback address
neighbor 10.0.0.4 update-source Loopback0

address-family vpnv4
neighbor 10.0.0.4 activate
neighbor 10.0.0.4 send-community both
exit-address-family
address-family ipv4 vrf VPN-A
redistribute connected # which advertises also 192.168.10.0/24 network
exit-address-family
```

Configuration 11 - BGP session creation

P1 and P2:

These routers are needed to observe MPLS labels in switch SW-1.

- address proper interfaces and enable MPLS
- advertise connected networks (+ loopback) using OSPF.

SW-1:

Configure monitor to observe traffic in PC-D. (Proper configuration has been given in previous scenario)

PE-4:

Create VRF:

ip vrf VPN-A

rd 60000:12 route-target export 60000:12 route-target import 60000:11

Configuration 12 - VPN-A creation

Setup interfaces:

interface Loopback0
ip address 10.0.0.4 255.255.255.255

interface Loopback1 # for emulating Internet access
ip address 8.8.8.8 255.255.255.0

interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
ip address 192.168.5.4 255.255.255.0
mpls ip

interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
ip vrf forwarding VPN-A
ip address 192.168.6.4 255.255.255.0

Configuration 13 - Interfaces setup

Next configure core OSPF:

```
router ospf 1
router-id 10.0.0.4
network 8.8.8.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
network 10.0.0.4 0.0.0.0 area 0
network 192.168.5.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
```

Configuration 14 - OSPF configuration

Configure OSPF under VRF:

```
router ospf 10 vrf VPN-A
redistribute bgp 60000 metric 10 subnets
network 10.0.0.4 0.0.0.0 area 0
network 192.168.6.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
```

Configuration 15 - OSPF under VRF configuration

Next redistribute all VPNv4 prefixes to PE-1 using MP-BGP

```
router bgp 60000
neighbor 10.0.0.3 remote-as 60000
neighbor 10.0.0.3 update-source Loopback0
address-family vpnv4
neighbor 10.0.0.3 activate
neighbor 10.0.0.3 send-community both
exit-address-family

address-family ipv4 vrf VPN-A
redistribute connected
redistribute ospf 10 metric 10 match internal external 1 external 2
exit-address-family
```

CE-1

Configure proper interfaces including Loopback 0, then setup basic OSPF configuration.

Verification

In order to check if MPLS core works properly do ping from PE-1 to PE-4 using Loopback address.

You should see similar results in Wireshark on PC-D.

```
Length Info
217 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
   2351.8531...
                                                                                                                                                                     239.255.255.250
                                                                 4029 169.254.179.4
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       SSDP
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   76 Hello Message
76 Hello Message
      2353.5474...
                                                                 4032 192,168,4,5
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      76 Hello Message
76 Hello Message
118 Echo (ping) request id-0x0008, seq-0/0, ttl=255 (reply in 4036)
118 Echo (ping) reply id-0x0008, seq-0/0, ttl=255 (request in 4035)
118 Echo (ping) reply id-0x0008, seq-1/256, ttl=255 (request in 4037)
118 Echo (ping) reply id-0x0008, seq-1/256, ttl=255 (request in 4037)
118 Echo (ping) reply id-0x0008, seq-2/512, ttl=255 (request in 4037)
118 Echo (ping) reply id-0x0008, seq-2/512, ttl=255 (request in 4040)
118 Echo (ping) reply id-0x0008, seq-2/512, ttl=255 (request in 4041)
118 Echo (ping) request id-0x0008, seq-3/768, ttl=255 (reply in 4042)
118 Echo (ping) request id-0x0008, seq-3/768, ttl=255 (request in 4041)
118 Echo (ping) request id-0x0008, seq-4/1024, ttl=255 (request in 4041)
114 Hello Packet
76 Hello Message
714 Hello Packet
76 Hello Message
714 Hello Packet
76 Hello Message
77 Hello Message
78 Hello Message
78 Hello Message
79 Hello Message
714 Hello Packet
70 Hello Message
714 Hello Packet
71 Hello Packet
72 Hello Message
74 Hello Message
75 Hello Message
76 Hello Message
                                                                                                                                                                      224.0.0.2
2355.3728...
2356.7413...
2356.7432...
2356.7432...
2356.7432...
2356.7448...
2356.7448...
2356.7448...
2356.7465...
2356.7465...
      2355.3728.
                                                                 4034 192.168.4.6
                                                               4034 192.168.4
4035 10.0.0.3
4036 10.0.0.4
4037 10.0.0.4
4039 10.0.0.3
4040 10.0.0.4
4041 10.0.0.4
4042 10.0.0.3
                                                                                                                                                                     224.0.0.2
10.0.0.4
10.0.0.3
10.0.0.4
10.0.0.3
10.0.0.4
10.0.0.3
10.0.0.4
10.0.0.3
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4044 10.0.0.4
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       ICMP
    2356.7465...
2357.0840...
2358.4288...
2358.8102...
2359.4762...
2363.1497...
2364.3000...
2366.6715...
2367.2117...
2368.1244...
2368.3562...
2367.21336...
                                                              4044 19.0.0.4
4046 192.168.4.5
4048 192.168.4.5
4049 192.168.4.5
4051 192.168.4.6
4055 192.168.4.6
4058 192.168.4.6
4069 192.168.4.6
4069 192.168.4.6
4062 192.168.4.6
4062 192.168.4.6
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224.0.0.5

224.0.0.5

224.0.0.2

224.0.0.2

224.0.0.2

224.0.0.2

224.0.0.5

224.0.0.5

224.0.0.5

224.0.0.5

224.0.0.2
     2372.1336...
                                                                4065 192.168.4.5
                                                                                                                                                                      224.0.0.2
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      LDP
     2372.3838...
                                                                4066 192.168.4.6
                                                                                                                                                                     224.0.0.2
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      LDP
OSPF
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            76 Hello Message
                                                               4071 192.168.4.6
                                                                                                                                                                      224.0.0.5
```

Verification 9- Ping request from PE-1

Protocol Length Info

2351.8531 2353.5474 2355.3728	402		Destination	Protocol	Length Info
		9 169.254.179.4	239.255.255.250	SSDP	217 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
2255 2720	403	2 192.168.4.5	224.0.0.2	LDP	76 Hello Message
2333.3/20	403	4 192.168.4.6	224.0.0.2	LDP	76 Hello Message
2356.7413	403	5 10.0.0.3	10.0.0.4	ICMP	118 Echo (ping) request id=0x0008, seq=0/0, ttl=255 (reply in 4036)
2356.7414	403	6 10.0.0.4	10.0.0.3	ICMP	118 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0008, seq=0/0, ttl=255 (request in 4035)
2356.7432	403	7 10.0.0.3	10.0.0.4	ICMP	118 Echo (ping) request id=0x0008, seq=1/256, ttl=255 (reply in 4038)
2356.7432	403	8 10.0.0.4	10.0.0.3	ICMP	118 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0008, seq=1/256, ttl=255 (request in 4037)
2356.7432	403	9 10.0.0.3	10.0.0.4	ICMP	118 Echo (ping) request id=0x0008, seq=2/512, ttl=255 (reply in 4040)
2356.7448		0 10.0.0.4	10.0.0.3	ICMP	118 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0008, seq=2/512, ttl=255 (request in 4039)
2356.7448	404	1 10.0.0.3	10.0.0.4	ICMP	118 Echo (ping) request id=0x0008, seq=3/768, ttl=255 (reply in 4042)
2356.7448	404	2 10.0.0.4	10.0.0.3	ICMP	118 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0008, seq=3/768, ttl=255 (request in 4041)
2356.7465		3 10.0.0.3	10.0.0.4	ICMP	118 Echo (ping) request id=0x0008, seq=4/1024, ttl=255 (reply in 4044)
2356.7465	404	4 10.0.0.4	10.0.0.3	ICMP	118 Echo (ping) reply id=0x0008, seq=4/1024, ttl=255 (request in 4043)
2357.0840	404	6 192.168.4.6	224.0.0.5	OSPF	114 Hello Packet
2358.4288	404	8 192.168.4.5	224.0.0.2	LDP	76 Hello Message
2358.8102		9 192.168.4.5	224.0.0.5	OSPF	114 Hello Packet
2359.4762	405	1 192.168.4.6	224.0.0.2	LDP	76 Hello Message
2363.1497	405	5 192.168.4.5	224.0.0.2	LDP	76 Hello Message
2364.3000		6 192.168.4.6	224.0.0.2	LDP	76 Hello Message
2366.6715	405	8 192.168.4.6	224.0.0.5	OSPF	114 Hello Packet
2367.2117	406	0 192.168.4.5	224.0.0.2	LDP	76 Hello Message
2368.1244	406	1 192.168.4.6	224.0.0.2	LDP	76 Hello Message
2368.3562	406	2 192.168.4.5	224.0.0.5	OSPF	114 Hello Packet
2372.1336		5 192.168.4.5	224.0.0.2	LDP	76 Hello Message
2372.3838	406	6 192.168.4.6	224.0.0.2	LDP	76 Hello Message
2375.9712	407	1 192.168.4.6	224.0.0.5	OSPF	114 Hello Packet

We can check MPLS forwarding table on P1 and P2 to verify Wireshark output.

```
P1#show mpls forwarding-table
Local
       Outgoing Prefix
                           Bytes Label Outgoing Next Hop
Label
       Label
               or Tunnel Id Switched
                                       interface
16
      Pop Label 10.0.0.3/32
                             10682
                                       Gi0/0/1 192.168.3.1
500
       601
              10.0.0.4/32
                                     Gi0/0/0 192.168.4.6
                          12762
501
       Pop Label 192.168.5.0/24 3102
                                         Gi0/0/0 192.168.4.6
502
       Pop Label 10.0.0.6/32
                                     Gi0/0/0 192.168.4.6
```

Verification 11 - MPLS forwarding table in P1

```
P2#show mpls forwarding-table
       Outgoing Prefix
Local
                           Bytes Label Outgoing Next Hop
Label
       Label
              or Tunnel Id Switched
                                       interface
                                     Gi0/0/1 192.168.4.5
600
             10.0.0.3/32 10045
                                        Gi0/0/0 192.168.5.4
601
       Pop Label 10.0.0.4/32
                             10462
                                     Gi0/0/1 192.168.4.5
602
       Pop Label 10.0.0.5/32 0
603
       Pop Label 192.168.3.0/24 4184
                                         Gi0/0/1 192.168.4.5
```

Verification 12 - MPLS forwarding table in P2

Now let's verify connectivity between VPN sites (PC-A <=> PC-C) and Internet access for PC-B

Verification 13 - Ping from PC-C to PC-A

```
Command Prompt
                                                                                                                                                                                                                ×
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . .
                                                                       fe80::400:9cd9:a83:7124%14
     IPv4 Address. . . . . .
                                                                        71.8.10.20
                                                                       255.255.255.0
71.8.10.1
    Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . Default Gateway . . . . .
 thernet adapter Ethernet 2:
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . .
                                                                        fe80::c099:462b:5ca2:1882%8
                                                                       192.168.52.1
255.255.255.0
 :\Users\student>ping 8.8.8.8
Pinging 8.8.8.8 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=252
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=2ms TTL=252
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=2ms TTL=252
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=252
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=252
ing statistics for 8.8.8.8:
Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
Minimum = 1ms, Maximum = 2ms, Average = 1ms
```

Verification 14 - Ping from PC-B to Internet

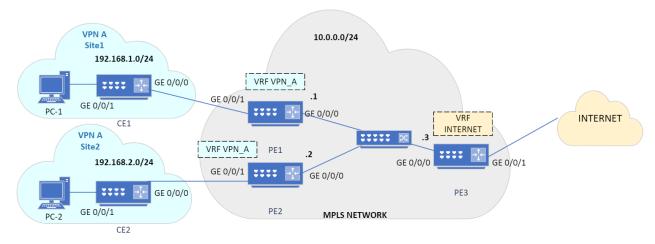
Extranet with Internet-VRF

Theoretical Introduction

The last method of Internet Access Service to VPN Customer discussed in this paper is Extranet with Internet-VRF.

Virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) is a technology included in IP network routers that enables multiple instances of a routing table to exist in a virtual router and work simultaneously. Route Targets are used to define which routes are exported and imported into a VRF routing table. In order to make the customer able to access the Internet, we need to configure Route Targets on PE routers to enable VRF communication.

Topology



Configuration

Addressing + OSPF + MPLS

PE2

```
ip vrf VPNA
rd 100:2
route-target export 1:10
route target import 1:10
route target import 100:10
```

PE3

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ip vrf INTERNET

rd 100:3

route target export 100:10

route target import 1:10

router bgp 100

address-family ipv4 vrf INTERNET

network 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0

ip route vrf INTERNET 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0
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Verification

PC-1: ping 8.8.8.8
PC-2: ping 8.8.8.8
(Clients should be able to access Internet)
show ip route vrf [vrf-name]

NOTE: This section is not widely expanded because of lack of access to the laboratory as well as internal arrangements with the laboratory instructor

Conclusions

Internet Access Service is a common and widely deployed service carried out by telecommunications operators. In this project, three design options of its configuration has been described, configured, tested and verified. Completing these tasks gave us opportunity to broaden our knowledge about modern MPLS services as well as expanded our practical skills in building, configuring and verifying MPLS-based L3 services in laboratory.