

DHCP Relay

When the DHCP Relay service is enabled, and the switch sees a DHCP client request from an attached host, it inserts its own IP address into the request so that the DHCP server will know the subnet where the client is located. Then, the switch forwards the packet to a DHCP server (destination IP) on another network. When the server receives the DHCP request, it allocates a free IP address for the DHCP client from its defined scope for the DHCP client's subnet, and sends a DHCP response back to the DHCP Relay agent (the switch). The switch then passes the DHCP response received from the server to the client.

DHCP relay between VLANs

Tested model & firmware version:

Switch model name:

DCS204 (AS7726-32X)

EPS202 (AS4630-54PE)

Edgecore SONiC version:

202006.3 ~ 202006.4

202012.0 ~ 202012.4

202111.0 ~ 202111.8

Topology:

DHCP_relay_between_VLANS.png

Pre-configuration:

Ethernet4 breakout to 4x10G.(refer Dynamic Port Breakout)

admin@sonic:~\$ show interface status Ethernet4-7

Interface	Lanes	Speed	MTU	FEC	Alias	Vlan	Oper
Admin	Type	Asym	PFC	Oper	Speed		
Ethernet4	5	10G	9100	none	Eth2/1(Port2)	trunk	up
up QSFP+ or later		N/A		10G			
Ethernet5	6	10G	9100	none	Eth2/2(Port2)	trunk	up
up QSFP+ or later		N/A		10G			
Ethernet6	7	10G	9100	none	Eth2/3(Port2)	routed	up
up QSFP+ or later		N/A		10G			
Ethernet7	8	10G	9100	none	Eth2/4(Port2)	routed	down
up QSFP+ or later		N/A		10G			

VLAN configuration is as topology.(refer to VLAN & Inter-VLAN Routing)

admin@sonic:~\$ show vlan brief

DHCP Relay Configuration						
VLAN ID	IP Address	Ports	Port	Proxy	DHCP Helper	
			Tagging	ARP	Address	
10		Ethernet4	untagged	disabled		
Source Interface:						
Link Selection:						
Server Vrf:						
Server ID Override:						
20		Ethernet5	untagged	disabled		
Source Interface:						
Link Selection:						
Server Vrf:						

```

| Server ID Override: |
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+-----+
IP binding is as topology.(refer to Management and front port IPv4/IPv6 Address)
admin@sonic:~$ show ip interfaces
Interface      Master      IPv4 address/mask      Admin/Oper      BGP Neighbor
Neighbor IP
-----
Vlan10          192.168.10.1/24        up/up             N/A             N/A
Vlan20          192.168.20.1/24        up/up             N/A             N/A
docker0         240.127.1.1/24         up/down           N/A             N/A
eth0            192.168.254.1/24       up/up             N/A             N/A
lo              127.0.0.1/16           up/up             N/A             N/A
Expect result:
DHCP client can get IP via DHCP relay from remote DHCP server.

```

Procedure:

Step 1. Create a JSON file for modify DEVICE_METADATA.type. (Since restriction, it needs to change the type)

```

admin@sonic:~$ cat tor.json
{
  "DEVICE_METADATA": {
    "localhost": {
      "type": "ToRRouter"
    }
  }
}

```

Note: This step is only for the branch 202012 version, other branch versions please start to Step 4.

Step 2. Apply the tor.json to running configuration.

```

admin@sonic:~$ sudo config load tor.json -y
Running command: /usr/local/bin/sonic-cfggen -j tor.json --write-to-db
Step 3. Save to startup configuration and reboot device to apply.

```

```

admin@sonic:~$ sudo config save -y
Running command: /usr/local/bin/sonic-cfggen -d --print-data > /etc/sonic/config_db.json
admin@sonic:~$ sudo reboot
Step 4. Enable DHCP relay on Vlan10.

```

```

admin@sonic:~$ sudo config vlan dhcp_relay add 10 192.168.20.100
Added DHCP relay destination addresses ['192.168.20.100'] to Vlan10
Restarting DHCP relay service...
Step 5. Check switch can reach to DHCP server and the arp table has been correctly learned.

```

```

admin@sonic:~$ show vlan brief
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+
| VLAN ID | IP Address      | Ports      | Port      | Proxy      | DHCP Helper |
| DHCP Relay Configuration |           | Tagging    | ARP       | Address    |
|-----|
+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+
==+=====+
|      10 | 192.168.10.1/24 | Ethernet4 | untagged  | disabled |             |
192.168.20.100 | Source Interface: |           |           |           |             |
|-----|
| Link Selection: |

```

Server Vrf:				
Server ID Override:				
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+				
20	192.168.20.1/24	Ethernet5	untagged	disabled
Source Interface:				
Link Selection:				
Server Vrf:				
Server ID Override:				

```

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```

```

admin@sonic:~$ show arp
Address          MacAddress          Iface      Vlan
-----
192.168.20.100   3c:fd:fe:ed:bf:bd   Ethernet5   20
Total number of entries 1
The source interface of DHCP relay agent uses the LOOPBACK interface.
Tested model & firmware version:
Switch model name:
DCS204 (AS7726-32X)
Edgecore SONiC version:
202012.2 ~ 202012.4
202111.0 ~ 202111.8
Topology:
image2022-1-19_14-54-53.png

```

Pre-configuration:

Ethernet4 breakout to 4x10G.(refer Dynamic Port Breakout)

```
admin@sonic:~$ show interface status Ethernet4-7
```

Interface	Lanes	Speed	MTU	FEC	Alias	Vlan	Oper
Admin	Type	Asym	PFC	Oper Speed			

Ethernet4	5	10G	9100	none	Eth2/1(Port2)	trunk	up
up QSFP+ or later		N/A		10G			
Ethernet5	6	10G	9100	none	Eth2/2(Port2)	trunk	up
up QSFP+ or later		N/A		10G			
Ethernet6	7	10G	9100	none	Eth2/3(Port2)	routed	up
up QSFP+ or later		N/A		10G			
Ethernet7	8	10G	9100	none	Eth2/4(Port2)	routed	down
up QSFP+ or later		N/A		10G			

VLAN configuration is as topology.(refer to VLAN & Inter-VLAN Routing)

```
admin@sonic:~$ show vlan brief
```

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+						
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+						
VLAN ID	IP Address	Ports	Port	Proxy	DHCP Helper	
DHCP Relay Configuration			Tagging	ARP	Address	
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+						
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+						
10		Ethernet4	untagged	disabled		
Source Interface:						
Link Selection:						
Server Vrf:						
Server ID Override:						

```

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+
|      20 |      | Ethernet5 | untagged | disabled |      |
Source Interface:
|      |      |      |      |      |      |
Link Selection:
|      |      |      |      |      |      |
Server Vrf:
|      |      |      |      |      |      |
Server ID Override:
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```

IP binding is as topology.(refer to Management and front port IPv4/IPv6 Address)

admin@sonic:~\$ show ip interfaces

Interface	Master	IPv4 address/mask	Admin/Oper	BGP Neighbor	Neighbor IP
Loopback0		1.1.1.1/32	up/up	N/A	N/A
Vlan10		192.168.10.1/24	up/up	N/A	N/A
Vlan20		192.168.20.1/24	up/up	N/A	N/A
docker0		240.127.1.1/24	up/down	N/A	N/A
eth0		192.168.254.1/24	up/up	N/A	N/A
lo		127.0.0.1/16	up/up	N/A	N/A

Expect result:

DHCP client will get IP from DHCP server. DHCP server will get DHCP request from DHCP client which source IP is Loopback interface IP.

Procedure:

Step 1. Modify the type of DEVICE_METADATA to "ToRRouter" in /etc/sonic/config_db.json.

admin@sonic:~\$ sudo sed -i 's/LeafRouter/ToRRouter/g' /etc/sonic/config_db.json

Note: This step is only for the branch 202012 version, other branch versions please start to Step 3.

Step 2. Reboot device to apply the configuration.

admin@sonic:~\$ sudo reboot

Step 3. Enable DHCP relay on VLAN10

admin@sonic:~\$ sudo config vlan dhcp_relay add 10 192.168.20.100

Added DHCP relay destination address 192.168.20.100 to Vlan10

Restarting DHCP relay service...

Step 4. Modify the src_intf to change the source IP of DHCP relay agent.

admin@sonic:~\$ sudo config vlan dhcp_relay src_intf add 10 Loopback0

Added DHCP relay source interface Loopback0 for Vlan10

Restarting DHCP relay service...

Step 5. Check switch can reach to DHCP server and the arp table has been correctly learned.

admin@sonic:~\$ show vlan brief

```

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+
|  VLAN ID | IP Address | Ports | Port | Proxy | DHCP Helper |
| DHCP Relay Configuration | | Tagging | ARP | Address |
|      |      |      |      |      |      |
+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+
==+=====+
|      10 | 192.168.10.1/24 | Ethernet4 | untagged | disabled |
192.168.20.100 | Source Interface: Loopback0 |
|      |      |      |      |      |

```

```

| Link Selection: |
| Server Vrf: |
| Server ID Override: |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 20 | 192.168.20.1/24 | Ethernet5 | untagged | disabled |
| Source Interface: |
| Link Selection: |
| Server Vrf: |
| Server ID Override: |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

```

admin@sonic:~$ show arp
Address      MacAddress      Iface      Vlan
-----
192.168.20.100  3c:fd:fe:ed:bf:bd  Ethernet5  20
Total number of entries 1
Result:
As expect result.

```

Packet capture
image2022-1-19_15-27-18.png

DHCP relay on a single VRF
Tested model & firmware version:
Switch model name:
DCS203 (AS7326-56X)
Edgecore SONiC version:
202012.2 ~ 202012.4
202111.0 ~ 202111.8
Topology:
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Pre-configuration:
VLAN configuration is as topology.(refer to VLAN & Inter-VLAN Routing)

```

admin@sonic:~$ show vlan brief
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| VLAN ID | IP Address | Ports | Port | Proxy | DHCP Helper |
| DHCP Relay Configuration | | Tagging | ARP | Address |
|
+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+
+=====+
| 10 | 192.168.10.1/24 | Ethernet1 | untagged | disabled |
| Source Interface: |
| Link Selection: |
| Server Vrf: |
| Server ID Override: |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 20 | 192.168.20.1/24 | Ethernet0 | untagged | disabled |
| Source Interface: |

```

Link Selection:				
Server Vrf:				
Server ID Override:				

```

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+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

Binding the Interface to VRF. (refer to VRF(Virtual routing and forwarding))

```

admin@sonic:~$ show vrf
VRF      Interfaces
-----  -
Vrf1     Vlan10
         Vlan20

```

IP binding is as topology.(refer to Management and front port IPv4/IPv6 Address)

```

admin@sonic:~$ show ip interfaces
Interface  Master      IPv4 address/mask  Admin/Oper  BGP Neighbor
Neighbor IP
-----
Vlan10     Vrf1        192.168.10.1/24   up/up       N/A          N/A
Vlan20     Vrf1        192.168.20.1/24   up/up       N/A          N/A
docker0    Vrf1        240.127.1.1/24    up/down     N/A          N/A
eth0       Vrf1        188.188.9.11/16   up/up       N/A          N/A
lo         Vrf1        127.0.0.1/16      up/up       N/A          N/A

```

Expect result:

DHCP client can get IP via DHCP relay from remote DHCP server.

Procedure:

Step 1. Enable DHCP relay on VLAN10

```

admin@sonic:~$ sudo config vlan dhcp_relay add 10 192.168.20.100
Added DHCP relay destination addresses ['192.168.20.100'] to Vlan10
Restarting DHCP relay service...
Step 2. Check switch can reach to DHCP server and the arp table has been
correctly learned.

```

```

admin@sonic:~$ show vlan brief

```

VLAN ID	IP Address	Ports	Port	Proxy	DHCP Helper
DHCP Relay Configuration			Tagging	ARP	Address
10	192.168.10.1/24	Ethernet1	untagged	disabled	
192.168.20.100	Source Interface:				
Link Selection:					
Server Vrf:					
Server ID Override:					
20	192.168.20.1/24	Ethernet0	untagged	disabled	
Source Interface:					
Link Selection:					

Server Vrf:				
Server ID Override:				

```

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+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

```

admin@sonic:~$ show arp
Address          MacAddress          Iface      Vlan
-----
192.168.20.100   3c:fd:fe:ed:bf:bd   Ethernet0   20
Total number of entries 1

```

DHCP relay over different VRFs
 Tested model & firmware version:
 Switch model name:
 DCS203 (AS7326-56X)
 Edgecore SONiC version:
 202012.2 ~ 202012.4
 202111.0 ~ 202111.8
 Topology:
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Pre-configuration:
 VLAN configuration is as topology. (refer to VLAN & Inter-VLAN Routing)

```

admin@sonic:~$ show vlan brief
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| VLAN ID | IP Address      | Ports      | Port      | Proxy      | DHCP Helper |
| DHCP Relay Configuration |           | Tagging    | ARP       | Address    |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+
+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+
|      10 | 192.168.10.1/24 | Ethernet1  | untagged  | disabled   |
| Source Interface: |           |           |           |           |
| Link Selection:  |           |           |           |           |
| Server Vrf:      |           |           |           |           |
| Server ID Override: |         |           |           |           |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      20 | 192.168.20.1/24 | Ethernet0  | untagged  | disabled   |
| Source Interface: |           |           |           |           |
| Link Selection:  |           |           |           |           |
| Server Vrf:      |           |           |           |           |
| Server ID Override: |         |           |           |           |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

Binding the Interface to VRF. (refer to VRF(Virtual routing and forwarding))

```

admin@sonic:~$ show vrf
VRF      Interfaces
-----
Vrf1     Vlan10
Vrf2     Vlan20

```

IP binding is as topology.(refer to Management and front port IPv4/IPv6 Address)

```
admin@sonic:~$ show ip interfaces
```

Interface	Master	IPv4 address/mask	Admin/Oper	BGP Neighbor	
Neighbor IP					
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Vlan10	Vrf1	192.168.10.1/24	up/up	N/A	N/A
Vlan20	Vrf2	192.168.20.1/24	up/up	N/A	N/A
docker0		240.127.1.1/24	up/down	N/A	N/A
eth0		188.188.36.202/16	up/up	N/A	N/A
lo		127.0.0.1/16	up/up	N/A	N/A

Procedure:

Step 1. Enable DHCP relay on VLAN10

```
admin@sonic:~$ sudo config vlan dhcp_relay add 10 192.168.20.100
```

Added DHCP relay destination addresses ['192.168.20.100'] to Vlan10

Restarting DHCP relay service...

Step 2. add VRF route leaking. (The routing from the Server's VRF needs to leak to the Client's VRF.)

```
admin@sonic:~$ vtysh
```

Hello, this is FRRouting (version 8.1).

Copyright 1996-2005 Kunihiro Ishiguro, et al.

```
sonic#
```

```
sonic# configure
```

```
sonic(config)# vrf Vrf1
```

```
sonic(config-vrf)# ip route 192.168.20.0/24 Vlan20 nexthop-vrf Vrf2
```

```
admin@sonic:~$ show ip route vrf all
```

Codes: K - kernel route, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP,
O - OSPF, I - IS-IS, B - BGP, E - EIGRP, N - NHRP,
T - Table, v - VNC, V - VNC-Direct, A - Babel, D - SHARP,
F - PBR, f - OpenFabric,
- selected route, * - FIB route, q - queued route, r - rejected route

VRF Vrf1:

C*192.168.10.0/24 is directly connected, Vlan10, 00:16:59

K*192.168.10.1/32 [0/0] is directly connected, Vlan10, 00:16:59

S*192.168.20.0/24 [1/0] is directly connected, Vlan20,(vrf Vrf2, Vlan20, 00:00:13

VRF Vrf2:

C*192.168.20.0/24 is directly connected, Vlan20, 00:03:08

K*192.168.20.1/32 [0/0] is directly connected, Vlan20, 00:03:08

VRF default:

K*0.0.0.0/0 [0/202] via 188.188.1.1, eth0, 02:45:13

C*188.188.0.0/16 is directly connected, eth0, 02:45:13

Step 3. Modify the src_intf to change the source IP of DHCP relay agent.

```
admin@sonic:~$ sudo config vlan dhcp_relay src_intf add 10 Vlan20
```

Added DHCP relay source interface Vlan20 for Vlan10

Restarting DHCP relay service...

Note: The DHCP server will determine the destination IP of the "DHCP Offer" based on the Relay agent IP address field(IP address of the client-interface) of "DHCP discover" packet. But socket cannot receive "DHCP Offer" from different VRF. Therefore, need to change the Relay agent IP address that designates the source interface in the Server's VRF, and enable the link-selection sub-option.

Step 4. Enable DHCP Link Selection.

```
admin@sonic:~$ sudo config vlan dhcp_relay link_selection add 10
Enable DHCP relay link selection for Vlan10
Restarting DHCP relay service...
```

Note: The link-selection sub-option of the Agent information option for the DHCP is used by any DHCP relay agent that desires to specify a subnet/link for a DHCP client request that it is relaying but needs the subnet/link specification to be different from the IP address the DHCP server should use when communicating with the relay agent. Therefore, the link-selection sub-option specifies an IP address that determines a subnet on which the DHCP client is located, and the relay agent IP address field can be used to communicate with the relay agent.

Step 5. Check switch can reach to DHCP server and the arp table has been correctly learned.

```
admin@sonic:~$ show vlan brief
```

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+					
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+					
VLAN ID	IP Address	Ports	Port	Proxy	DHCP Helper
DHCP Relay Configuration			Tagging	ARP	Address
=====					
10	192.168.10.1/24	Ethernet1	untagged	disabled	
192.168.20.100	Source Interface: Vlan20				
	Link Selection:enabled				
	Server Vrf:				
	Server ID Override:				
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+					
20	192.168.20.1/24	Ethernet0	untagged	disabled	
	Source Interface:				
	Link Selection:				
	Server Vrf:				
	Server ID Override:				

```
admin@sonic:~$ show arp
```

Address	MacAddress	Iface	Vlan
192.168.20.100	3c:fd:fe:ed:bf:bd	Ethernet0	20
Total number of entries 1			

Result:

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After 202111.7, there's a new command used to specify the DHCP relay server VRF on a VLAN.

```
admin@sonic:~$ sudo config vlan dhcp_relay server_vrf add 10 Vrf2
```

Added DHCP relay server vrf Vrf2 for Vlan10
 Restarting DHCP relay service...
 With it, the route leaking(in Step 2) will no longer needed to be set.

admin@sonic:~\$ show vlan brief

VLAN ID	IP Address	Ports	Port	Proxy	DHCP Helper
DHCP Relay Configuration			Tagging	ARP	Address
10	192.168.10.1/24	Ethernet1	untagged	disabled	
192.168.20.100	Source Interface: Vlan20				
Link Selection:enabled					
Server Vrf: Vrf2					
Server ID Override:					
20	192.168.20.1/24	Ethernet0	untagged	disabled	
Source Interface:					
Link Selection:					
Server Vrf:					
Server ID Override:					

DHCP relay on SAG
 Tested model & firmware version:
 Switch model name:
 EPS202 (AS4630-54PE)
 Edgecore SONiC version:
 202111.3~202111.8
 Topology:

Pre-configuration:
 VLAN configuration is as topology. (refer to VLAN & Inter-VLAN Routing)

admin@sonic:~\$ show vlan brief

VLAN ID	IP Address	Ports	Port	Proxy	DHCP Helper
DHCP Relay Configuration			Tagging	ARP	Address
10		Ethernet4	untagged	disabled	
Source Interface:					
Link Selection:					

Server Vrf:				
Server ID Override:				

20	192.168.20.1/24	Ethernet0	untagged	disabled
Source Interface:				
Link Selection:				
Server Vrf:				
Server ID Override:				

SAG configuration is as topology. (refer to SAG(static anycast gateway) step8)

```
admin@sonic:~$ show sag
Static Anycast Gateway Information
```

MacAddress	IPv4	IPv6
00:11:22:33:44:55	enable	N/A

IP binding is as topology.(refer to Management and front port IPv4/IPv6 Address)

```
admin@sonic:~$ show ip int
```

Interface	Master	IPv4 address/mask	Admin/Oper	BGP Neighbor
Sag10		192.168.10.254/24	up/up	N/A
Vlan20		192.168.20.1/24	up/up	N/A
docker0		240.127.1.1/24	up/down	N/A
eth0		188.188.9.11/16	up/up	N/A
lo		127.0.0.1/16	up/up	N/A

Procedure:

Step 1. Enable DHCP relay on SAG10

```
admin@sonic:~$ sudo config sag dhcp_relay add 10 192.168.20.100
Added DHCP relay destination addresses ['192.168.20.1'] to Sag10
Restarting DHCP relay service...
```

Step 2. Check sag ip

```
admin@sonic:~$ show sag ip
```

Vlan Interface Name	IPv4 address/mask	DHCP Helper	DHCP Source	DHCP
Link	DHCP Hepler	DHCP Server ID	Address	Interface
Selection	Vrf	Override		
Vlan10		192.168.10.254/24	192.168.20.1	

Step 3. Check switch can reach to DHCP server and the arp table has been correctly learned.

```
admin@sonic:~$ show vlan brief
```

VLAN ID	IP Address	Ports	Port	Proxy	DHCP Helper
DHCP Relay Configuration					

			Tagging	ARP	Address
10		Ethernet4	untagged	disabled	
Source Interface:					
Link Selection:					
Server Vrf:					
Server ID Override:					
20	192.168.20.1/24	Ethernet0	untagged	disabled	
Source Interface:					
Link Selection:					
Server Vrf:					
Server ID Override:					

```

admin@sonic:~$ show arp
Address          MacAddress          Iface      Vlan
-----
192.168.20.100   3c:fd:fe:ed:bf:bd   Ethernet0   20
Total number of entries 1

```

Result: