



# BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table

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## Feature History for the BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table Feature

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## Prerequisites for BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table

- Border Gateway Protocol peering sessions are established.
- CEF or dCEF (for distributed platforms) is enabled on all participating routers.

## Restrictions for BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table

- Only IPv4 unicast and multicast prefixes can be imported to a VRF with this feature.
- A maximum of 5 VRF instances per router can be created to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table.
- IPv4 prefixes imported into a VRF, using this feature, cannot be imported into a VPNv4 VRF.

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## Importing IPv4 Prefixes into a VRF

The BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table feature introduces the capability to import IPv4 unicast prefixes from the global routing table into a Virtual Private Network (VPN) routing/forwarding instance (VRF) table using an import map. This feature extends the functionality of VRF import-map configuration to allow IPv4 prefixes to be imported into a VRF based on a standard community. Both IPv4 unicast and multicast prefixes are supported. No Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) or route target (import/export) configuration is required.

IP prefixes are defined as match criteria for the import map through standard Cisco IOS filtering mechanisms. For example, an IP access-list, an IP prefix-list, or an IP as-path filter is created to define an IP prefix or IP prefix range, and then the prefix or prefixes are processed through a match clause in a route map. Prefixes that pass through the route map are imported into the specified VRF per the import map configuration.

## Black Hole Routing

This feature can be configured to support Black Hole Routing (BHR). BHR is method that allows the administrator to block undesirable traffic, such as traffic from illegal sources or traffic generated by a Denial of Service (DoS) attack, by dynamically routing the traffic to a dead interface or to a host designed to collect information for investigation, mitigating the impact of the attack on the network. Prefixes are looked up, and packets that come from unauthorized sources are blackholed by the ASIC at line rate.

## Classifying Global Traffic

This feature can be used to classify global IP traffic based on physical location or class of service. Traffic is classified based on administration policy and then imported into different VRFs. On a college campus, for example, network traffic could be divided into an academic network and residence network traffic, a student network and faculty network, or a dedicated network for multicast traffic. After the traffic is divided along administration policy, routing decisions can be configured with the *MPLS VPN—VRF Selection using Policy Based Routing* or the *MPLS VPN—VRF Selection Based on Source IP address* features.

# How to Import IP Prefixes from Global Table into a VRF Table

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## Defining IPv4 IP Prefixes to Import

IPv4 unicast or multicast prefixes are defined as match criteria for the import route map using standard Cisco IOS filtering mechanisms. This task uses an IP access-list and an IP prefix-list.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **access-list access-list-number {deny | permit} source [source-wildcard] [log]**
4. **ip prefix-list prefix-list-name [seq seq-value] {deny network/length | permit network/length} [ge ge-value] [le le-value]**

## DETAILED STEPS

	<b>Command or Action</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
	<b>Example:</b> Router> enable	
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
	<b>Example:</b> Router# configure terminal	
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>access-list access-list-number {deny   permit}</b> <b>source [source-wildcard] [log]</b>	Creates an access list and defines a range of IP prefixes to import into the VRF table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The example creates a standard access list numbered 50. This filter will permit traffic from any host with an IP address in the 10.1.1.0/24 subnet.</li> </ul>
	<b>Example:</b> Router(config)# access-list 50 permit 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 permit	
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ip prefix-list prefix-list-name [seq seq-value]</b> <b>{deny network/length   permit network/length}</b> <b>[ge ge-value] [le le-value]</b>	Creates a prefix-list and defines a range of IP prefixes to import into the VRF table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The example creates an IP prefix list named COLORADO. This filter will permit traffic from any host with an IP address in the 10.24.240.0/24 subnet.</li> </ul>
	<b>Example:</b> Router(config)# ip prefix-list COLORADO permit 10.24.240.0/22	

## What to Do Next

Proceed to the next task to create the VRF and configure the import route map.

## Creating the VRF and the Import Route Map

The IP prefixes that are defined for import are then processed through a match clause in a route map. IP Prefixes that pass through the route map are imported into the VRF. A maximum of 5 VRFs per router can be configured to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table. 1000 prefixes per VRF are imported by default. You can manually configure from 1 to 2147483647 prefixes for each VRF. We recommend that you use caution if you manually configure the prefix import limit. Configuring the router to import too many prefixes can interrupt normal router operation.

## MPLS and Route Target Configuration Is Not Required

No MPLS or route target (import/export) configuration is required.

## Import Actions

Import actions are triggered when a new routing update is received or when routes are withdrawn. During the initial BGP update period, the import action is postponed to allow BGP to converge more quickly. Once BGP converges, incremental BGP updates are evaluated immediately and qualified prefixes are imported as they are received.

## New Syslog Message

The following syslog message is introduced by this feature. It will be displayed when more prefixes are available for import than the user-defined limit:

```
00:00:33: %BGP-3-AFIMPORT_EXCEED: IPv4 Multicast prefixes imported to multicast vrf exceed the limit 2
```

You can either increase the prefix limit or fine tune the import route map filter to reduce the number of candidate routes.

## Restrictions

- Only IPv4 unicast and multicast prefixes can be imported to a VRF with this feature.
- A maximum of 5 VRF instances per router can be created to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table.
- IPv4 prefixes imported into a VRF using this feature cannot be imported into a VPNv4 VRF.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip vrf vrf-name**
4. **rd route-distinguisher**
5. **import ipv4 unicast | multicast [prefix-limit] map route-map**
6. **exit**
7. **route-map map-tag [permit | deny] [sequence-number]**
8. **match ip address {acl-number [acl-number ...| acl-name ...]| acl-name [acl-name ...| acl-number ...] | prefix-list prefix-list-name [prefix-list-name ...]}**
9. **exit**

## DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<code>enable</code>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
	<b>Example:</b> Router> enable	
Step 2	<code>configure terminal</code>	Enters global configuration mode.
	<b>Example:</b> Router# configure terminal	
Step 3	<code>ip vrf vrf-name</code>	Creates a VRF routing table and specifies the VRF name (or tag). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <code>ip vrf vrf-name</code> command creates a VRF routing table and a CEF table, and both are named using the <i>vrf-name</i> argument. Associated with these tables is the default route distinguisher value.</li> </ul>
Step 4	<code>rd route-distinguisher</code>	Creates routing and forwarding tables for the VRF instance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are two formats for configuring the route distinguisher argument. It can be configured in the as-number:network number (ASN:nn) format, as shown in the example, or it can be configured in the IP address:network number format (IP-address:nn).</li> </ul>
Step 5	<code>import ipv4 unicast   multicast [prefix-limit] map route-map</code>	Creates an import map to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table to a VRF table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unicast or multicast prefixes are specified.</li> <li>• Up to a 1000 prefixes will be imported by default. The <i>prefix-limit</i> argument is used to specify a limit from 1 to 2147483647 prefixes.</li> <li>• The route-map that defines the prefixes to import is specified after the <code>map</code> keyword is entered.</li> <li>• The example creates an import map that will import up to 1000 unicast prefixes that pass through the route map named UNICAST.</li> </ul>
Step 6	<code>exit</code>	Exits VRF configuration mode and enters global configuration mode.
	<b>Example:</b> Router(config-vrf)# exit	
Step 7	<code>route-map map-tag [permit   deny] [sequence-number]</code>	Defines the conditions for redistributing routes from one routing protocol into another, or enables policy routing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The route-map name must match the route map specified in Step 5.</li> <li>• The example creates a route-map named UNICAST.</li> </ul>
	<b>Example:</b> Router(config)# route-map UNICAST permit 10	

Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 8</b> <code>match ip address {acl-number [acl-number ...   acl-name ...]   acl-name [acl-name ...   acl-number ...]   prefix-list prefix-list-name [prefix-list-name ...]}</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-route-map)# match ip address 50</pre>	Distributes any routes that have a destination network number address that is permitted by a standard or extended access list, and performs policy routing on matched packets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both IP access lists and IP prefix lists are supported.</li> <li>The example configures the route map to use standard access list 50 to define match criteria.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 9</b> <code>exit</code>  <b>Example:</b> <pre>Router(config-route-map)# exit</pre>	Exits route-map configuration mode, and enters global configuration mode.

## What to Do Next

Proceed to the next section to configure filtering on ingress interface.

## Filtering on the Ingress Interface

This feature can be configured globally or on a per interface basis. We recommend that you apply it to ingress interfaces to maximize performance.

## Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding

Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (Unicast RPF) can be optionally configured. Unicast RPF is used to verify that the source address is in the Forwarding Information Base (FIB). The `ip verify unicast vrf` command is configured in interface configuration mode and is enabled for each VRF. This command has `permit` and `deny` keywords that are used to determine if the traffic is forwarded or dropped.

## SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `interface type number [name-tag]`
4. `ip policy route-map type number map-tag`
5. `ip verify unicast vrf vrf-name {deny | permit }`
6. `end`

**DETAILED STEPS**

<b>Command or Action</b>		<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	<code>enable</code>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
	<b>Example:</b> Router> enable	
<b>Step 2</b>	<code>configure terminal</code>	Enters global configuration mode.
	<b>Example:</b> Router# configure terminal	
<b>Step 3</b>	<code>interface type number [name-tag]</code>	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
	<b>Example:</b> Router(config)# interface Ethernet 0	
<b>Step 4</b>	<code>ip policy route-map type number [map-tag]</code>	Identifies a route map to use for policy routing on an interface. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The configuration example attaches the route map named UNICAST to the interface.</li> </ul>
	<b>Example:</b> Router(config-if)# ip policy route-map UNICAST	
<b>Step 5</b>	<code>ip verify unicast vrf vrf-name {deny   permit}</code>	(Optional) Enables Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding verification for the specified VRF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The example enables verification for the VRF named GREEN. Traffic that passes verification will be forwarded.</li> </ul>
	<b>Example:</b> Router(config-if)# ip verify unicast vrf GREEN permit	
<b>Step 6</b>	<code>end</code>	Exits interface configuration mode and enters privileged EXEC mode.
	<b>Example:</b> Router(config-if)# end	

**What to Do Next**

Proceed to the next section to see a list of commands that can be used for verification.

**Verifying Global IP Prefix Import**

The **show** commands described in this section can be used to display information about the VRFs that are configured with this feature and to verify that global IP prefixes are imported into the specified VRF table.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `enable`
2. `show ip bgp [network] [network-mask] [longer-prefixes] [prefix-list prefix-list-name | route-map route-map-name] [shorter prefixes mask-length]`

3. **show ip bgp vpng4 {all | rd route-distinguisher | vrf vrf-name} [rib-failure] [ip-prefix/length [longer-prefixes] [network-address [mask] [longer-prefixes] [cidr-only] [community] [community-list] [dampened-paths] [filter-list] [flap-statistics] [inconsistent-as] [neighbors] [paths [line]] [peer-group] [quote-regexp] [regexp] [summary] [labels]**
4. **show ip vrf [brief | detail | interfaces | id] [vrf-name]**

## DETAILED STEPS

	<b>Command or Action</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter your password if prompted.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>show ip bgp [network] [network-mask] [longer-prefixes] [prefix-list prefix-list-name   route-map route-map-name] [shorter prefixes mask-length]</b>	Displays entries in the BGP routing table.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>show ip bgp vpng4 {all   rd route-distinguisher   vrf vrf-name} [rib-failure] [ip-prefix/length [longer-prefixes] [network-address [mask] [longer-prefixes] [cidr-only] [community] [community-list] [dampened-paths] [filter-list] [flap-statistics] [inconsistent-as] [neighbors] [paths [line]] [peer-group] [quote-regexp] [regexp] [summary] [labels]</b>	Displays VPN address information from the BGP table. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The output displays the import route map, the traffic type (unicast or multicast), the default or user-defined prefix import limit, the actual number of prefixes that are imported, and individual import prefix entries.</li> </ul>
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>show ip vrf [brief   detail   interfaces   id] [vrf-name]</b>	Displays defined VRFs and their associated interfaces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The output displays the import route map, the traffic type (unicast or multicast), and the default or user-defined prefix import limit.</li> </ul>

# Configuration Examples for Importing IP Prefixes from the Global Table into a VRF Table

The following examples show how to configure this feature:

- [Configuring Global IP Prefix Import: Example, page 10](#)
- [Verifying Global IP Prefix Import: Example, page 10](#)

## Configuring Global IP Prefix Import: Example

The following example imports unicast prefixes into the VRF named GREEN using an IP prefix list and a route map:

This sample starts in global configuration mode:

```
!
ip prefix-list COLORADO seq 5 permit 10.131.64.0/19
ip prefix-list COLORADO seq 10 permit 172.31.2.0/30
ip prefix-list COLORADO seq 15 permit 172.31.1.1/32
!
ip vrf green
rd 200:1
import ipv4 unicast map UNICAST
route-target export 200:10
route-target import 200:10
!
exit
!
route-map UNICAST permit 10
match ip address prefix-list COLORADO
!
exit
```

## Verifying Global IP Prefix Import: Example

The **show ip vrf** command or the **show ip bgp vpnv4** command can be used to verify that prefixes are imported from the global routing table to the VRF table.

The following example from the **show ip vrf** command shows the import route map named UNICAST is importing IPv4 unicast prefixes and the prefix import limit is 1000:

```
Router# show ip vrf detail
VRF green; default RD 200:1; default VPNID <not set>
  Interfaces:
    Se2/0
  VRF Table ID = 1
    Export VPN route-target communities
      RT:200:10
    Import VPN route-target communities
      RT:200:10
    Import route-map for ipv4 unicast: UNICAST (prefix limit: 1000)
    No export route-map
    VRF label distribution protocol: not configured
    VRF label allocation mode: per-prefix

VRF red; default RD 200:2; default VPNID <not set>
```

```

Interfaces:
  Se3/0
VRF Table ID = 2
  Export VPN route-target communities
    RT:200:20
  Import VPN route-target communities
    RT:200:20
  No import route-map
  No export route-map
  VRF label distribution protocol: not configured
  VRF label allocation mode: per-prefix

```

The following example from the **show ip bgp vpnv4** command shows the import route map names, the prefix import limit and the actual number of imported prefixes, and the individual import entries:

```

Router# show ip bgp vpnv4 all
BGP table version is 18, local router ID is 10.131.127.252
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, i - internal,
               r RIB-failure, S Stale
Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete

      Network          Next Hop            Metric LocPrf Weight Path
Route Distinguisher: 200:1 (default for vrf green)
Import Map: UNICAST, Address-Family: IPv4 Unicast, Pfx Count/Limit: 1/1000
*>i10.131.64.0/19  10.131.95.252        0     100      0 i
*> 172.16.1.1/32   172.16.2.1           0             32768 i
*> 172.16.2.0/30   0.0.0.0             0             32768 i
*>i172.31.1.1/32   10.131.95.252        0     100      0 i
*>i172.31.2.0/30   10.131.95.252        0     100      0 i
Route Distinguisher: 200:2 (default for vrf red)
*> 172.16.1.1/32   172.16.2.1           0             32768 i
*> 172.16.2.0/30   0.0.0.0             0             32768 i
*>i172.31.1.1/32   10.131.95.252        0     100      0 i
*>i172.31.2.0/30   10.131.95.252        0     100      0 i

```

## Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table feature.

## Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
BGP commands	<i>Cisco IOS IP Command Reference, Volume 2 of 4: Routing Protocols</i> , Release 12.3T
BGP configuration tasks	<i>Cisco IOS IP Configuration Guide</i> , Release 12.3
BGP commands	<i>Cisco IOS IP Command Reference, Volume 2 of 4: Routing Protocols</i> , Release 12.3T
MPLS VPN configuration tasks	<i>MPLS Virtual Private Networks</i> , Cisco IOS Release 12.0(5)T
VRF Selection using Policy Based Routing	MPLS VPN—VRF Selection Using Policy Based Routing
VRF Selection Based on Source IP Address	MPLS VPN— VRF Selection Based on Source IP Address

## ■ Additional References

# Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

# MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
No new or modified MIBs are supported by this feature, and support for existing MIBs has not been modified by this feature.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: <a href="http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs">http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs</a>

# RFCs

RFCs	Title
No new or modified RFCs are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

# Technical Assistance

Description	Link
Technical Assistance Center (TAC) home page, containing 30,000 pages of searchable technical content, including links to products, technologies, solutions, technical tips, tools, and lots more. Registered Cisco.com users can log in from this page to access even more content.	TAC Home Page: <a href="http://www.cisco.com/public/support/tac/home.shtml">http://www.cisco.com/public/support/tac/home.shtml</a> BGP Support Page: <a href="http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/browse/psp_view.pl?p=Internetworking:BGP">http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/browse/psp_view.pl?p=Internetworking:BGP</a>

# Command Reference

This section documents new and modified commands only.

- [debug ip bgp import](#)
- [import ipv4](#)
- [ip verify unicast vrf](#)

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 debug ip bgp import

# debug ip bgp import

To display debugging information related to importing IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table into a VRF table, use the **debug ip bgp import** command in privileged EXEC mode. To disable the display of IPv4 prefix import debugging information, use the **no** form of this command.

```
debug ip bgp import {events | updates [access-list | expanded-access-list]}
```

```
no debug ip bgp import {events | updates [access-list | expanded-access-list]}
```

Syntax Description	<b>events</b> Displays messages related to IPv4 prefix import events. <b>updates</b> Displays messages related to IPv4 prefix import updates. <b>access-list</b> (Optional) Number of access list used to filter debugging messages. The range that can be specified is from 1 to 199. <b>expanded-access-list</b> (Optional) Number of expanded access list used to filter debugging messages. The range that can be specified is from 1300 to 2699.
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<b>Command Modes</b>	Privileged EXEC
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<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	Use this command to display debugging information related to the BGP Support for IP Prefix Import from Global Table into a VRF Table feature. This feature provides the capability to import IPv4 unicast prefixes from the global routing table into a Virtual Private Network (VPN) routing/forwarding (VRF) instance table using an import route map.
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<b>Examples</b>	The following example configures IPv4 prefix import debugging messages for both import events and import updates to be displayed on the console of the router:
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```
Router# debug ip bgp import events
BGP import events debugging is on
Router# debug ip bgp import updates
BGP import updates debugging is on for access list 3
00:00:50: %BGP-5-ADJCHANGE: neighbor 10.2.2.2 Up
00:01:06: BGP: reevaluate IPv4 Unicast routes in VRF academic
00:01:06: BGP: 0 routes available (limit: 1000)
00:01:06: BGP: import IPv4 Unicast routes to VRF academic
00:01:06: BGP(2)-VRF(academic): import pfx 100:1:10.30.1.0/24 via 10.2.2.2
```

```

00:01:06: BGP: accepted 8 routes (limit: 1000)
00:01:06: BGP: reevaluate IPv4 Multicast routes in VRF multicast
00:01:06: BGP: 0 routes available (limit: 2)
00:01:06: BGP: import IPv4 Multicast routes to VRF multicast
00:01:06: %BGP-4-AFIMPORT: IPv4 Multicast prefixes imported to multicast vrf reached the
limit 2
00:01:06: BGP: accepted 2 routes (limit: 2)
00:01:06: BGP: reevaluate IPv4 Unicast routes in VRF BLUE
00:01:06: BGP: 0 routes available (limit: 1000)
00:01:06: BGP: import IPv4 Unicast routes to VRF BLUE
00:01:06: BGP: accepted 3 routes (limit: 1000)

```

Table 1 describes the significant fields shown in the display.

**Table 1 debug ip bgp import Field Descriptions**

Field	Description
BGP: accepted 2 routes (limit: 2)	Number of routes imported into the VRF, and the default or user-defined prefix import limit.
BGP: reevaluate IPv4 Unicast routes in VRF BLUE	Prefix was imported during BGP convergence and is being reevaluated for the next scan cycle.
BGP: 0 routes available (limit: 1000)	Number of routes available from import source, and the default or user-defined prefix import limit.
BGP: import IPv4 Unicast routes to VRF BLUE	Import map and prefix type (unicast or multicast) that is being imported into the specified VRF.

#### Related Commands

Command	Description
clear ip bgp	Resets a BGP connection.

**import ipv4**

# import ipv4

To configure an import map to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table to a VRF table, use the **import ipv4** command in VRF configuration submode. To remove the import map, use the **no** form of this command.

**import ipv4 unicast | multicast [prefix-limit] route-map**

**no import ipv4 unicast | multicast [prefix-limit] route-map**

<b>Syntax Description</b>	
<b>unicast</b>	Specifies IPv4 unicast prefixes to import.
<b>multicast</b>	Specifies IPv4 multicast prefixes to import.
<i>prefix-limit</i>	(Optional) Specifies the number of prefixes to import. The range for this argument is a number from 1 to 2147483647.
<i>route-map</i>	Specifies the route map to be used as an import route map for the VRF.

<b>Defaults</b>	No default behavior or values
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<b>Command Modes</b>	VRF configuration submode
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<b>Command History</b>	<b>Release</b>	<b>Modification</b>
	12.0(29)S	This command was introduced.
	12.2(25)S	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(25)S.
	12.3(14)T	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.3(14)T.
	12.2(27)SBC	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(27)SBC.

<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	IP prefixes that are defined for import are processed through a match clause in a route map. The prefixes that pass through the route map are imported into the VRF. A maximum of 5 VRFs per router can be configured to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table. 1000 prefixes per VRF are imported by default. You can manually configure from 1 to 2147483647 prefixes for each VRF. We recommend that you use caution if you manually configure the prefix import limit. Configuring the router to import too many prefixes can interrupt normal router operation. Only IPv4 unicast and multicast prefixes can be imported to a VRF with this feature. IPv4 prefixes imported into a VRF using this feature cannot be imported into a VPNv4 VRF.
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**No MPLS or Route Target Configuration Is Required**

No MPLS or route target (import/export) configuration is required.

### Import Behavior

Import actions are triggered when a new routing update is received or when routes are withdrawn. During the initial BGP update period, the import action is postponed to allow BGP to converge more quickly. Once BGP converges, incremental BGP updates are evaluated immediately and qualified prefixes are imported as they are received.

### Examples

The following example, beginning in global configuration mode, imports all unicast prefixes from the 10.24.240.0/22 subnet into the VRF named GREEN. An IP prefix list is used to define the imported IPv4 prefixes. The route map is attached to the Ethernet 0 interface. Unicast RPF verification for VRF GREEN is enabled.

```
ip prefix-list COLORADO permit 10.24.240.0/22
!
ip vrf GREEN
  rd 100:10
  import ipv4 unicast 1000 map UNICAST
  exit
route-map UNICAST permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list ACCOUNTING
  exit
interface Ethernet 0
  ip policy route-map UNICAST
  ip verify unicast vrf GREEN permit
end
```

### Related Commands

Command	Description
<a href="#">ip verify unicast vrf</a>	Enables Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding verification for the specified VRF.
<a href="#">ip vrf</a>	Configures a VRF routing table.
<a href="#">rd</a>	Creates routing and forwarding tables for a VRF.
<a href="#">show ip bgp</a>	Displays entries in the BGP routing table.
<a href="#">show ip bgp vpnv4</a>	Displays VPN address information from the BGP table.
<a href="#">show ip vrf</a>	Displays the set of defined VRFs and associated interfaces.

**ip verify unicast vrf**

To enable Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (Unicast RPF) verification for the specified VRF, use the **ip verify unicast vrf** command in Interface configuration mode. To disable the Unicast RPF check for a VRF, use the **no** form of this command.

**ip verify unicast vrf *vrf-name* deny | permit**

**no ip verify unicast vrf *vrf-name* deny | permit**

<b>Syntax Description</b>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td><i>vrf-name</i></td><td>Specifies the VRF name.</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>deny</b></td><td>Specifies IPv4 multicast prefixes to import.</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>permit</b></td><td>(Optional) Specifies the number of prefixes to import. The range for this argument is a number from 1 to 2147483647.</td></tr> </table>	<i>vrf-name</i>	Specifies the VRF name.	<b>deny</b>	Specifies IPv4 multicast prefixes to import.	<b>permit</b>	(Optional) Specifies the number of prefixes to import. The range for this argument is a number from 1 to 2147483647.
<i>vrf-name</i>	Specifies the VRF name.						
<b>deny</b>	Specifies IPv4 multicast prefixes to import.						
<b>permit</b>	(Optional) Specifies the number of prefixes to import. The range for this argument is a number from 1 to 2147483647.						

<b>Defaults</b>	No default behavior or values
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<b>Command Modes</b>	Interface configuration mode
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<b>Command History</b>	<b>Release</b>	<b>Modification</b>
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<b>Usage Guidelines</b>	Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (Unicast RPF) is configured to verify that the source address is in the Forwarding Information Base (FIB). The <b>ip verify unicast vrf</b> command is configured in interface configuration mode and is enabled for each VRF. This command has <b>permit</b> and <b>deny</b> keywords that are used to determine if traffic is forward or dropped.
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<b>Examples</b>	The following example configures Unicast RPF verification for VRF GREEN and RED. VRF GREEN TRAFFIC is forwarded. VRF RED traffic is dropped.
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```
Router(config)# interface Ethernet 0
Router(config-if)# ip verify unicast vrf GREEN permit
Router(config-if)# ip verify unicast vrf RED deny
Router(config-if)# end
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Related Commands	Command	Description
	<a href="#">import ipv4</a>	Configures an import map to import IPv4 prefixes from the global routing table to a VRF table.
	<a href="#">ip vrf</a>	Configures a VRF routing table.
	<a href="#">rd</a>	Creates routing and forwarding tables for a VRF.
	<a href="#">show ip bgp</a>	Displays entries in the BGP routing table.
	<a href="#">show ip bgp vpnv4</a>	Displays VPN address information from the BGP table.
	<a href="#">show ip vrf</a>	Displays the set of defined VRFs and associated interfaces.

**ip verify unicast vrf**

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