



CHAPTER 4

Configuring GTP Services on the GGSN

This chapter describes how to configure a gateway GPRS service node (GGSN) and how to configure GPRS tunneling protocol (GTP) options.

For complete description of the GGSN commands in this chapter, see *Cisco GGSN Command Reference* for the Cisco GGSN release you are using.

To locate documentation of other commands that appear in this chapter, use the command reference master index or search online. See the [“Related Documents” section on page 3-11](#) for a list of the other Cisco IOS Software documentation that might be helpful while configuring the GGSN.

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GTP Overview

GTP is the protocol used to tunnel multi-protocol packets through the general packet radio service/Universal Mobile Telecommunication System (GPRS/UMTS) network. It is defined on the Gn interface as the protocol between GSNs in the GPRS/UMTS backbone network.

The Cisco GGSN simultaneously supports both GTP Version 0 (GTP v0) and GTP Version 1 (GTP v1). GPRS R97/R98 uses GTP Version 0, and UMTS R99 uses GTP v1.

The GGSN automatically selects the GTP version to use according to the capabilities of the SGSN.

Configuring GGSN Services

The Cisco GGSN software uses a logical interface called a *virtual template interface* to configure an instance of Cisco IOS software running on a Cisco Service and Application Module for IP (SAMI) processor as a GGSN.

This section describes the primary tasks you need to complete when configuring for GGSN services. The subsequent configuration tasks describe how to establish connectivity from the GGSN to the serving GPRS support node (SGSN) and public data networks (PDNs) once the Cisco IOS instance on the Cisco SAMI processor is configured as a GGSN.

The following requirements must be met when configuring a GGSN:

- Configure only a single GGSN entity per instance of Cisco IOS software, using the **service gprs ggsn** command in global configuration mode. Up to six GGSNs can be configured on one Cisco SAMI—one GGSN per processor.
- On each GGSN, configure a single default virtual template interface (as virtual template number 1) with GTP encapsulation. This default virtual template interface should never be unconfigured as long as **gprs service ggsn** is enabled. (Additional virtual template interfaces with GTP encapsulation can be configured for segregating GRX traffic. For more information about segregating GRX traffic, see [“Segregating GRX Traffic on GGSN Gn Interface” section on page 12-31.](#))
- Ensure that the memory protection threshold is configured appropriately, according to the router and memory size. For information on configuring the memory protection threshold, see [“Configuring the GGSN Memory Protection Mode Threshold” section on page 7-6.](#)

GGSN Services Configuration Task List

To configure a Cisco SAMI processor that is running an instance of Cisco IOS GGSN software for GGSN services, perform the following tasks:

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- [Enabling CEF Switching, page 4-4](#)

Enabling GGSN Services

Using the **service gprs ggsn** command in global configuration mode, configure only a single GGSN entity per Cisco SAMI processor.

To enable GGSN services, use the following command in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# service gprs ggsn	Specifies that the Cisco IOS software instance functions as a GGSN.

Creating a Loopback Interface

Rather than directly configuring an IP address on the virtual template, we recommend that you create a loopback interface and then associate the loopback interface IP address to the virtual template used for GTP encapsulation using the **ip unnumbered loopback** command in interface configuration mode.



Note

If the IP address of the loopback interface is not assigned to the virtual template interface using the **ip unnumbered loopback** command, packets will not be CEF-switched and performance will be affected.

A loopback interface is a software-only interface that emulates an interface that is always up. It is a virtual interface that is supported on all platforms. The interface number is the number of the loopback interface that you want to create or configure. There is no limit to the number of loopback interfaces that you can create. A GGSN uses loopback interfaces to support the configuration of several different features.

To create a loopback interface, use the following commands in global configuration mode:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# interface loopback <i>number</i>	Creates a loopback interface. A loopback interface is a virtual interface that is always up.
Step 2	Router(config-if)# ip address <i>ip-address mask</i>	Assigns an IP address to the loopback interface.

Creating a Default GTP Virtual Template Interface for the GGSN

Configure only a single default GTP virtual template interface (as virtual template number 1) with GTP encapsulation on a GGSN. The default GTP virtual template must be configured, and never unconfigured as long as **service gprs ggsn** is configured.



Note

The default GTP virtual template (Virtual-Template 1) must have a valid IP address associated with it using either the **ip address** or **ip unnumbered** command.

To create a default GTP virtual template interface for GGSN, use the following command, beginning in global configuration mode:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# interface virtual-template 1	Creates a virtual template interface, where <i>number</i> identifies the virtual template interface. This command takes you to interface configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config-if)# description <i>description</i>	Description of the interface.
Step 3	Router(config-if)# ip unnumber loopback <i>number</i>	Assigns the previously defined loopback IP address to the virtual template interface.

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	Router(config-if)# encapsulation gtp	Specifies GTP as the encapsulation type for packets transmitted over the virtual template interface.
Step 5	Router(config-if)# gprs access-point-list gprs	Specifies a name for a new access point list, or references the name of the existing access point list, and enters access-point list configuration mode.

Enabling CEF Switching

CEF switching uses a forwarding information base (FIB) table and an adjacency table to accomplish packet switching. The adjacency table is indexed by Layer 3 network addresses and contains the corresponding Layer 2 information to forward a packet.

CEF switching eliminates the use of the route-cache table, and the overhead that is required in aging out its table entries and repopulating the table. The FIB table mirrors the entire contents of the IP routing table, which eliminates the need for a route-cache table.

For more information about switching paths, see *Cisco IOS Switching Services Configuration Guide*.

When you enable CEF switching globally on the GGSN, all interfaces on the GGSN are automatically enabled for CEF switching.



Note

To ensure that CEF switching functions properly, wait a short period of time before enabling CEF switching after it is disabled using the **no ip cef** command.

To enable CEF switching on the GGSN, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# ip cef	Enables CEF on the GGSN.

Configuring Echo Timing on a GGSN

GGSN uses echo timing to determine whether an SGSN or external charging gateway is active.

For a GTP path to be active, the SGSN must be active. To determine that an SGSN is active, the GGSN and SGSN exchange echo messages. Although the GGSN supports different methods of echo message timing, the basic echo flow begins when the GGSN sends an echo request message to the SGSN. The SGSN sends a corresponding echo response message back to the GGSN.

If the GGSN does not receive a response after a certain number of retries (a configurable value), the GGSN assumes that the SGSN is not active. This indicates a GTP path failure, and the GGSN clears all PDP context requests associated with that path.

This section describes the different methods of echo timing that are supported on the GGSN and how to configure them. It includes the following topics:

- [Overview of the Echo Timing on the GGSN, page 4-5](#)
- [Echo Timing Configuration Task List, page 4-10](#)
- [Verifying the Echo Timing Configuration, page 4-12](#)
- [Dynamic Echo Timer Configuration Example, page 4-34](#)

Overview of the Echo Timing on the GGSN

The GGSN supports two different means of echo timing—the default echo timer and the dynamic echo timer. Only a single timer can be in use at any time on the GGSN. The following sections describe these two timers:

- [Overview of the Default Echo Timer, page 4-5](#)
- [Overview of the Dynamic Echo Timer, page 4-7](#)



Note

For simplicity, this document describes the operation of echo timing between the GGSN and an SGSN. If an external charging gateway is in use in the GPRS/UMTS network, the GGSN uses the same type of echo timers to maintain the charging gateway path.

Overview of the Default Echo Timer

The default echo timer is enabled on the GGSN automatically. However, you can choose to enable the dynamic echo timing method as an alternative.

When you are using the default echo timer on the GGSN, the following commands apply:

- **gprs gtp n3-requests**—Specifies the maximum number of times that the GGSN attempts to send an echo-request message. The default is 5 times.
- **gprs gtp path-echo-interval**—Specifies the number of seconds that the GGSN waits for a response from an SGSN or external charging gateway, and, after receiving a response, the number of seconds the GGSN waits before sending the next echo-request message. The default is 60 seconds.
- **gprs gtp t3-response**—Specifies the initial number of seconds that the GGSN waits before resending a signaling request message when a response to a request has not been received. This time is doubled for every retry. The default is 1 second.

[Figure 4-1](#) shows the default echo request sequence when a response is successfully received within the specified path echo interval. If the GGSN receives the echo response within the path echo interval (as specified in the **gprs gtp path-echo-interval** command; the default is 60 seconds), it sends another echo request message after 60 seconds (or whatever time was configured in the **gprs gtp path-echo-interval** command). This message flow continues as long as the GGSN receives an echo response message from the SGSN within the specified path echo interval.

Figure 4-1 Default GTP Path Echo Interval Request Sequence in Path Success Mode

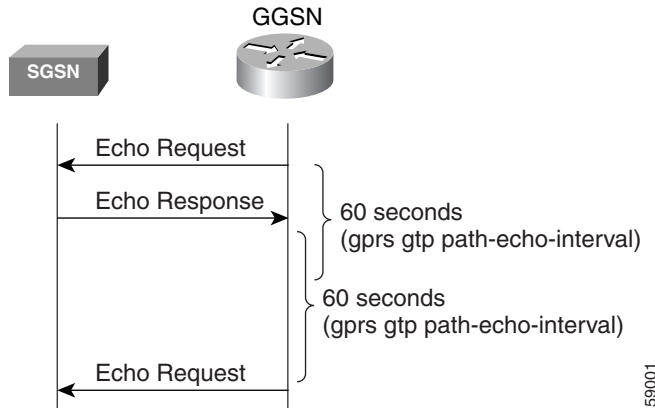
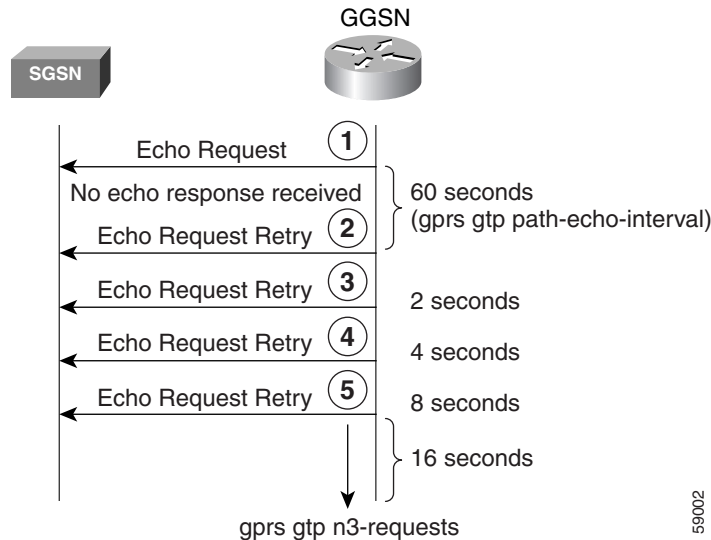


Figure 4-2 shows the default echo request sequence when the GGSN fails to receive a response to its echo request within the specified path echo interval. If the GGSN fails to receive an echo response message from the SGSN within the path echo interval, it resends echo request messages until the N3-requests counter is reached (as specified by the **gprs gtp n3-requests** command; the default is 5). Because the initial request message is included in the N3-requests counter, the total number of retries is N3 - 1. The T3 timer increases by a factor of 2 for each retry (the factor value is not configurable).

Figure 4-2 Default Echo Timing Request Sequence in Path Failure Mode



For example, if N3 is set to the default of 5, and T3 is set to the default of 1 second, the GGSN will resend 4 echo request messages (the initial request + 4 retries= 5). If the GGSN does not receive an echo response from the SGSN during the 60-second path echo interval, then the GGSN immediately sends the first echo request retry message upon expiration of the path echo interval. The T3 time increases for each additional echo request, by a factor of 2 seconds, as long as the GGSN does not receive an echo response. So, the GGSN resends another message in 2 seconds, 4 seconds, and 8 seconds. After the 5th message, the GGSN waits for a final period of 16 seconds for an echo response.

If the GGSN fails to receive an echo response message from the SGSN within the time period of the N3-requests counter, it deletes all of the PDP contexts and clears the GTP path. For this example, the total elapsed time from when the first request message is sent to when PDP contexts are cleared is

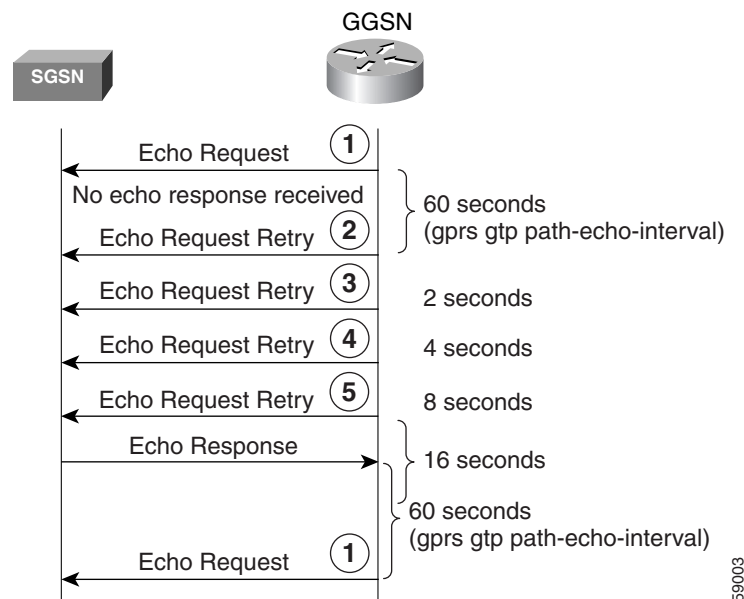
$$60 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 = 90 \text{ seconds}$$

where 60 is the initial value of the path echo interval, and the remaining 4 time periods are the increments of the T3 timer for the subsequent retries. The path is cleared after another 60-second period, or 150 seconds.

If the GGSN receives an echo response within the N3 x T3 transmission period, it goes back to success mode for its echo request sequences.

Figure 4-3 shows the GGSN receiving an echo response message within N3 x T3 retransmissions of an echo request. In this scenario, the GGSN sent an initial echo request followed by 4 retries for a total of 5 requests, according to the default setting of 5 N3 requests. The GGSN receives the echo response after the 5th and final retry, within the remaining 16 seconds. Now the GGSN is back in success mode, and it waits 60 seconds (the value of the **gprs gtp path-echo-interval** command) before sending the next echo request message.

Figure 4-3 Default Echo Timing with Echo Response Received Within N3 x T3 Retransmissions



Overview of the Dynamic Echo Timer

Because the GGSN's default echo timer cannot be configured to accommodate network congestion, the GTP path could be cleared prematurely. The dynamic echo timer feature enables the GGSN to better manage the GTP path during periods of network congestion. Use the **gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic enable** command to enable the GGSN to perform dynamic echo timing.

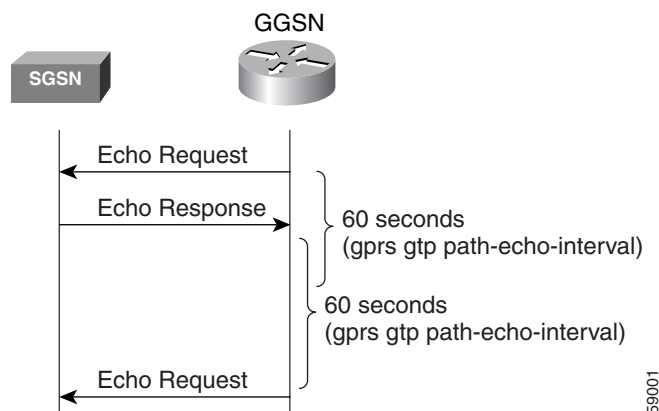
The dynamic echo timer is different from the default echo timer because it uses a calculated round-trip time (RTT), and a configurable factor or multiplier to be applied to the RTT statistic. Different paths can each have a different RTT, so the dynamic echo timer can vary for different paths.

When you are using the dynamic echo timer on the GGSN, the following commands apply:

- **gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic enable**—Enables the dynamic echo timer on the GGSN.
- **gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic minimum**—Specifies the minimum time period (in seconds) for the dynamic echo timer. If the RTT multiplied by the smooth factor is less than this value, the GGSN uses the value set in this command. The default is 5 seconds.
- **gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic smooth-factor**—Specifies the multiplier that the dynamic echo timer uses when calculating the time to wait to send retries, when it has not received a response from the SGSN within the path echo interval. The default is 2.
- **gprs gtp n3-requests**—Specifies the maximum number of times the GGSN attempts to send an echo-request message. The default is 5 times.
- **gprs gtp path-echo-interval**—Specifies the number of seconds that the GGSN waits, after receiving a response from an SGSN or external charging gateway, before sending the next echo-request message. The default is 60 seconds.

Figure 4-4 shows the dynamic echo request sequence when a response is successfully received within the specified path echo interval. Just as in the default echo timing method, if the GGSN receives the echo response within the path echo interval (as specified in the **gprs gtp path-echo-interval** command; the default is 60 seconds), it sends another echo request message after 60 seconds (or whatever time was configured in the **gprs gtp path-echo-interval** command). This message flow continues as long as the GGSN receives an echo response message from the SGSN within the specified path echo interval.

Figure 4-4 Dynamic GTP Path Echo Interval Request Sequence in Path Success Mode



The GGSN calculates the RTT statistic for use by the dynamic echo timer. The RTT is the amount of time between sending a particular echo request message and receiving the corresponding echo response message. RTT is calculated for the first echo response received (see Figure 4-5); the GGSN records this statistic. Because the RTT value might be a very small number, there is a minimum time for the dynamic echo timer to use. This value is configured using the **gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic minimum** command.

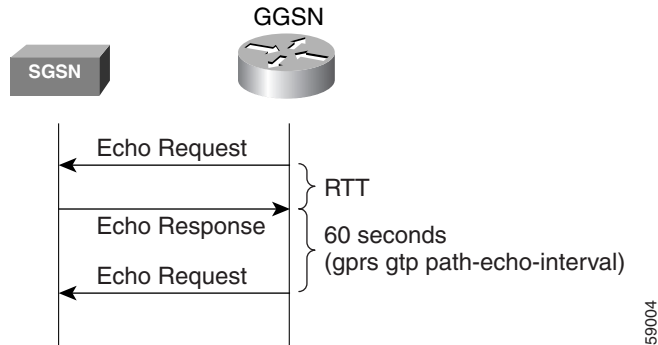
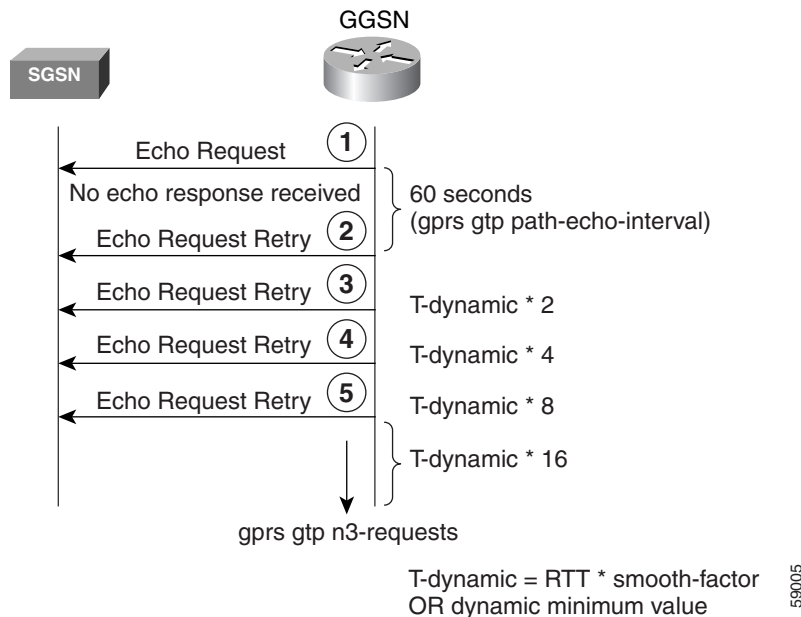
Figure 4-5 Dynamic Echo Timing Request Sequence RTT Calculation

Figure 4-6 shows the dynamic echo timing request sequence in path failure mode. If the GGSN fails to receive an echo response message from the SGSN within the path echo interval, it goes into retransmission, or path failure mode. During path failure mode, the GGSN uses a value referred to as the *T-dynamic*. The T-dynamic is the greater of either the dynamic minimum, or the RTT statistic multiplied by the smooth factor.

Figure 4-6 Dynamic Echo Timing Request Sequence in Path Failure Mode

The T-dynamic essentially replaces the use of the **gprs gtp t3-response** command, which is used in the default echo timer method on the GGSN. The T-dynamic timer increases by a factor of 2 for each retry (again, this factor is not configurable), until the N3-requests counter is reached (the N3-requests counter includes the initial request message).

For example, if the RTT is 6 seconds, the dynamic minimum is 5 seconds, N3 is set to 5, and the smooth factor is set to 3, then the GGSN will resend up to 4 echo request messages (initial request + 4 retries = 5) in path failure mode. If the GGSN does not receive an echo response from the SGSN during the 60-second path echo interval, then the GGSN immediately sends the first echo request retry message upon expiration of the path echo interval. The RTT x smooth factor equals 18 seconds (6 x 3), which is greater than the dynamic minimum of 5 seconds, so the dynamic minimum value is not used. The

T-dynamic value is 18 (RTT x smooth factor), so the GGSN sends another retry echo request message in 36 seconds (18 x 2), 72 seconds (18 x 4), and 144 seconds (18 x 8). After the fifth message, the GGSN waits for a final period of 288 seconds (18 x 16) for an echo response.

If the GGSN fails to receive an echo response message from the SGSN in this time period, it clears the GTP path and deletes all PDP contexts. The total elapsed time, from when the first request message is sent, to when the PDP contexts are cleared, is

$$60 + 36 + 72 + 144 + 288 = 600 \text{ seconds}$$

where 60 is the initial value of the path echo interval, and the remaining 4 time periods are the increments of the T-dynamic for the subsequent retries. The path is cleared after another 60-second period, or 660 seconds.

If the GGSN receives an echo response within the $N3 \times T\text{-dynamic}$ transmission period, it goes back to success mode for its echo request sequences. In success mode, the GGSN begins echo requests and awaits responses according to the specified path echo interval as shown in [Figure 4-4](#).

Sequence Numbering for Retransmissions

The GGSN does not increment the sequence number of an echo request message during retransmissions. Therefore, during the period when an echo response has not been received by the GGSN, the GGSN continues to use the same sequence number for all echo request retries until the N3 requests limit is reached, or until a response is received. When a response is received, the sequence number of the next echo request message is incremented by 1.

If the GGSN has sent an echo request message with a higher sequence number, but still receives echo responses for sequence numbers lower than the current echo request message, the response is ignored.

Echo Timing Configuration Task List

This section describes the tasks required to customize the default echo timing method, or to enable and configure the dynamic echo timing method on the GGSN. By default, the GGSN activates the default echo timing method.

To configure echo timing on the GGSN, perform the following tasks:

- [Customizing the Default Echo Timer, page 4-10](#) (Recommended, if used)
- [Configuring the Dynamic Echo Timer, page 4-11](#) (Optional)
- [Disabling the Echo Timer, page 4-12](#) (Optional)

Customizing the Default Echo Timer

The default echo timing method is enabled automatically on the GGSN. If you want to use the default echo timer, Cisco recommends that you modify the following commands to optimize your network as necessary.

To customize the default echo timing method on the GGSN, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# gprs gtp n3-requests <i>requests</i>	(Optional) Specifies the maximum number of times that the GGSN attempts to send a signaling request to an SGSN. The default is 5.
Step 2	Router(config)# gprs gtp path-echo-interval <i>interval</i>	(Optional) Specifies the number of seconds that the GGSN waits, after receiving a response from an SGSN or external charging gateway, before sending the next echo-request message. The default is 60 seconds.
Step 3	Router(config)# gprs gtp t3-response <i>response-interval</i>	(Optional) Specifies the initial time that the GGSN waits before resending a signaling request message when a response to a request has not been received. This time is doubled for every retry. The default is 1 second.

Configuring the Dynamic Echo Timer

To activate the dynamic echo timing method on the GGSN, you must enable the dynamic echo timer. After you activate the dynamic echo timer, you can modify the corresponding options to optimize the timing parameters for your network.

To configure the dynamic echo timing method on the GGSN, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic enable	Enables the dynamic echo timer on the GGSN.
Step 2	Router(config)# gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic minimum <i>number</i>	(Optional) Specifies the minimum time period used by the dynamic echo timer. The default is 5 seconds.
Step 3	Router(config)# gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic smooth-factor <i>number</i>	(Optional) Specifies the multiplier that the GGSN uses to calculate the time to wait to send retries of the dynamic echo timer. The default is 2.
Step 4	Router(config)# gprs gtp n3-requests <i>requests</i>	(Optional) Specifies the maximum number of times that the GGSN attempts to send a signaling request to an SGSN. The default is 5.
Step 5	Router(config)# gprs gtp path-echo-interval <i>interval</i>	(Optional) Specifies the number of seconds that the GGSN waits, after receiving a response from an SGSN or external charging gateway, before sending the next echo-request message. The default is 60 seconds.

Disabling the Echo Timer

If for some reason you need to disable the GGSN from performing echo processing with an SGSN or external charging gateway, you can specify 0 seconds for the path echo interval.

To disable the echo timer, use the following command in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs gtp path-echo-interval 0	(Optional) Specifies a path interval of 0 seconds, which disables the GGSN from performing echo processing.

Verifying the Echo Timing Configuration

This section describes how to verify the echo timing method on the GGSN. It includes the following topics:

- Verifying Echo Timing Parameters, page 4-12
- Verifying the Dynamic Echo Timer by GTP Path, page 4-13

Verifying Echo Timing Parameters

To verify the parameters in use by the GGSN for echo timing, you can use the **show gprs gtp parameters** or **show running-config** privileged EXEC command.

The GGSN automatically sets default values for the parameters applicable to the dynamic echo timer, even when the dynamic echo timer is not enabled. Therefore, the **show gprs gtp parameters** command does not indicate which echo timing method is currently activated.

Verifying Default Echo Timing Parameters

To verify the parameters in use by the default echo timer, use the **show gprs gtp parameters** privileged EXEC command, and observe the following parameters shown in bold text below:

```
Router# show gprs gtp parameters
  GTP path echo interval           = 60
  GTP signal max wait time T3_response = 1
  GTP max retry N3_request         = 5
  GTP dynamic echo-timer minimum   = 5
  GTP dynamic echo-timer smooth factor = 2
  GTP buffer size for receiving N3_buffer = 8192
  GTP max pdp context              = 45000
```

Verifying Dynamic Echo Timing Parameters

To verify the parameters in use by the dynamic echo timer, use the **show gprs gtp parameters** privileged EXEC command, and observe the parameters shown in bold text below:

```
Router# show gprs gtp parameters
      GTP path echo interval                = 60
      GTP signal max wait time T3_response  = 1
      GTP max retry N3_request              = 5
      GTP dynamic echo-timer minimum        = 5
      GTP dynamic echo-timer smooth factor  = 2
      GTP buffer size for receiving N3_buffer = 8192
      GTP max pdp context                   = 45000
```

Verifying the Dynamic Echo Timer by GTP Path

You can use the **show running-config** privileged EXEC command to verify whether the dynamic echo timer is enabled.

The value of the dynamic echo timer varies for each GTP path on the GGSN. To verify whether the dynamic echo timer is enabled on the GGSN, and to verify the value (in seconds) of the dynamic echo timer (T-dynamic), use the **show gprs gtp path** privileged EXEC command.

If the dynamic echo timer is not activated, the word “Disabled” appears beside the corresponding path in the dynamic echo timer output field.

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- Step 1** To verify that the dynamic echo timer is enabled, use the **show running-config** command, and verify that the **gprs gtp dynamic echo-timer enable** command appears as shown in bold text toward the end of the following sample output:

```
Router# show running-config

Current configuration : 6769 bytes
!
version 12.2
no service pad
service timestamps debug uptime
service timestamps log uptime
no service password-encryption
service internal
service gprs ggsn
!
ip cef
!
. . .
!

interface loopback 1
 ip address 10.41.41.1 255.255.255.0
!
interface Virtual-Template1
 ip unnumber loopback 1
 encapsulation gtp
 gprs access-point-list gprs
!
. . .
!
gprs access-point-list gprs
 access-point 1
  access-point-name gprs.cisco.com
exit
```

```

!
access-point 2
access-point-name gprr.cisco.com
access-mode non-transparent
aaa-group authentication test2
aaa-group accounting test2
ip-address-pool dhcp-proxy-client
dhcp-server 10.65.0.1
dhcp-gateway-address 10.65.0.1
exit
!
!
gprs ms-address exclude-range 10.21.1.0 10.21.1.5
gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic enable
gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic smooth-factor 5
gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic minimum 10
gprs gtp response-message wait-accounting
!
. . .
!
end

```

Step 2 To verify the T-dynamic values for the corresponding GTP paths, use the **show gprs gtp path all** privileged EXEC command.

The following example indicates that the dynamic echo timer is enabled on the GGSN and that the T-dynamic values of 5 seconds and 2 seconds are in use for the corresponding paths:

```

Router# show gprs gtp path all
      Total number of path : 2

```

Local address	Remote address	GTP version	Dynamic echo timer
10.41.41.1(3386)	10.18.18.200(3386)	0	5
10.10.10.1(2123)	10.10.10.4(2123)	1	2

Customizing the GGSN Configuration

This section describes some of the options that you can configure on the GGSN to further customize the default configuration.

For information about configuring GPRS/UMTS charging options, see the [“Customizing the Charging Options” section on page 7-11](#).

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring GTP Signaling Options, page 4-15](#)
- [Configuring the Maximum Number of PDP Contexts on the GGSN, page 4-16](#)
- [Controlling Sessions on the GGSN, page 4-17](#)
- [Configuring Flow Control for GTP Error Messages, page 4-24](#)
- [Configuring the GGSN to Maintain a History for Deleted SGSN Paths, page 4-24](#)
- [Suppressing Echo Requests per SGSN, page 4-24](#)

Configuring GTP Signaling Options

In addition to the commands used to configure the instance of Cisco IOS software for GGSN support, the GGSN feature supports several optional commands that you can use to customize your GTP configuration.

For certain GTP processing options, the default values represent recommended values. Other optional commands also are set to default values, but Cisco recommends modifying these commands to optimize your network as necessary, or according to your hardware. This section describes some of the commands that you should consider using to optimize GTP signaling.

To optimize your GTP signaling configuration, use the following commands, beginning in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs gtp n3-requests <i>requests</i>	(Optional) Specifies the maximum number of times that the GGSN attempts to send a signaling request. The default is 5.
Router(config)# gprs gtp path-echo-interval <i>interval</i>	(Optional) Specifies the number of seconds that the GGSN waits before sending an echo-request message to check for GTP path failure. The default is 60 seconds.
Router(config)# gprs gtp t3-response <i>response_interval</i>	(Optional) Specifies the the initial number of seconds that the GGSN waits before resending a signaling request message when a response to a request has not been received. This time is doubled for every retry. The default is 1 second.



Note

These GTP signaling commands are also used to support echo timing on the GGSN. For more information about echo timing on the GGSN, see the [“Configuring Echo Timing on a GGSN”](#) section on page 4-4.

Configuring Other GTP Signaling Options

This section describes some other GTP signaling options that you can modify as needed to support your network needs.

To configure other GTP signaling options, use the following commands, beginning in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs gtp map signalling tos <i>tos-value</i>	(Optional) Specifies an IP ToS mapping for GTP signaling packets. The default is 5.
Router(config)# gprs gtp n3-buffer-size <i>bytes</i>	(Optional) Specifies the size of the receive buffer that the GGSN uses to receive GTP signaling messages and packets sent through the tunneling protocol. The default is 8192 bytes.

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs gtp response-message pco ipcp nack	(Optional) Specifies for the GGSN to return an IPCP Conf-Nack (Code 03) in the GTP PCO IE of a Create PDP Context response when returning IP Control Protocol (IPCP) options for which the granted values (non-zero) differ from those requested (IPCP Conf-Reject [Code 04] for those options for which the returned address values are zero). By default, the GGSN sends an IPCP Conf-Ack (Code 2) in the PCO IE of the Create PDP Context response for all the requested IPCP address options supported by the GGSN (the values returned may be the same as or differ from those values requested, or be even zero.)
Router(config)# gprs gtp response-message pco ipcp message-length	Configures an extra field that indicates the message length to be added to the header in the PCO IE of the Create PDP Context response when returning IPCP options.

Configuring the Maximum Number of PDP Contexts on the GGSN

The practical upper limit for the maximum number of PDP contexts supported on a GGSN depends on the memory and platform in use and on the GGSN configuration (for example, whether a method of PPP is configured to forward packets beyond the terminal equipment and mobile termination, whether Dynamic Feedback Protocol [DFP] is being used or the memory protection feature is enabled, and the rate of PDP context creation to be supported).



Note

DFP weighs PPP PDPs against IP PDPs, with one PPP PDP equal to eight IPv4 PDPs. One IPv6 PDP equals eight IPv4 PDPs.

[Table 1](#) lists the maximum number of PDP contexts the Cisco SAMI with the 1-GB memory option can support. [Table 2](#) lists the maximum number of PDPs the Cisco SAMI with the 2-GB memory option can support:

Table 1 *Number of PDPs Supported in 1-GB SAMI*

PDP Type	Maximum Number per SAMI
IPv4	384,000
IPv6	48,000
PPP Regeneration	96,000
PPP	48,000

Table 2 *Number of PDPs Supported in 2-GB SAMI*

PDP Type	Maximum Number per SAMI
IPv4	816,000
IPv6	96,000

Table 2 *Number of PDPs Supported in 2-GB SAMI*

PDP Type	Maximum Number per SAMI
PPP Regeneration	192,000
PPP	96,000

**Note**

When the maximum allowable number of PDP contexts is reached, the GGSN refuses new PDP contexts until sessions are available.

To configure the maximum number of PDP contexts on the GGSN, use the following command, beginning in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs maximum-pdp-context-allowed <i>pdp-contexts</i>	Specifies the maximum number of PDP contexts that can be activated on the GGSN.

Configuring the Maximum Number of PDP Contexts When Using DFP with Load Balancing

If you use DFP with GPRS/UMTS load balancing, also specify the maximum number of PDP contexts for each GGSN. Do not accept the default value of 10000 PDP contexts; a value of 45000 is recommended. Significantly lower values can affect performance in a GPRS/UMTS load-balancing environment.

**Note**

For more information about configuring GPRS/UMTS load balancing, see the *IOS Server Load Balancing*, 12.1(9)E documentation located at Cisco.com at the following URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios121/121newft/121limit/121e/121e9/index.htm>

To configure the maximum number of PDP contexts on the GGSN for DFP, use the following command, beginning in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs maximum-pdp-context-allowed 45000	Specifies 45000 as the maximum number of PDP contexts that can be activated on the GGSN.

Controlling Sessions on the GGSN

GPRS/UMTS provides always-on services for mobile subscribers. The GGSN can support only a certain number of PDP contexts. The number of PDP contexts supported depends upon the configuration and memory resources of the platform.

Sessions can be established with the GGSN that provide network connectivity, even though no activity may be occurring over that session. After a PDP context is established on the GGSN, whether there is activity over the session or not, the GGSN is using resources. Therefore, you may want to configure a session timer that controls the amount of time that a session can remain established on the GGSN before the PDP context (or contexts) is cleared.

In addition, when performing certain maintenance functions (for example, modifying an APN configuration), you can manually delete PDP contexts.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring Session Timers, page 4-18](#)
- [Deleting Sessions on the GGSN, page 4-23](#)

Configuring Session Timers

This section describes how you can configure the session idle time and absolute session time on the GGSN to control when the GGSN deletes a session. The section includes the following topics:

- [Overview of the Session Idle Timer and the Absolute Session Timer on the GGSN, page 4-18](#)
- [Configuring the Session Idle Timer, page 4-19](#) (Optional)
- [Configuring the Absolute Session Timer, page 4-21](#) (Optional)
- [Disabling the Session Idle Timer on the GGSN, page 4-20](#)
- [Verifying the Timer Configuration, page 4-22](#)

Overview of the Session Idle Timer and the Absolute Session Timer on the GGSN

The GGSN allows you to control the clearing of PDP contexts by configuring durations for a session idle timer (RADIUS attribute 28) and an absolute session timer (RADIUS attribute 27). The session idle timer and absolute session timer specify the amount of time that the GGSN waits before purging a mobile session.

The duration specified for the session idle time is the same for all of the PDP contexts belonging to a session (a GTPv1 mobile session can have multiple PDP contexts), but an individual timer is started for each PDP context of that session. Therefore, the session idle timer is per-PDP, but the timer duration is per-session. The absolute session timer is session-based and controls the absolute duration of a session (active or inactive). When the absolute session timer is exceeded, the GGSN deletes all PDP contexts of the session (those with the same mobile subscriber identity (IMSI) or mobile station address).



Note

The session idle timeout (RADIUS Attribute 28) support applies to IP PDPs, PPP PDPs terminated at the GGSN, and PPP regenerated PDPs (not PPP L2TP PDPs). The absolute session timeout (Attribute 27) support applies to IP PDPs and PPP PDPs terminated at the GGSN (not PPP Regen or PPP L2TP PDPs). If configured, a session idle timer is started on every PDP context; an absolute session timer is started on the session.

You can configure the timers globally on the GGSN for sessions occurring on all access points, and you can configure timers for a particular access point. In addition to the session idle timer and the absolute session timer that you can configure on the GGSN, RADIUS servers can also specify session timeout attributes.

The following list gives the order in which the GGSN implements the timers:

1. **RADIUS server**—If the access point is configured for non-transparent access mode and the RADIUS server returns a timeout attribute, then the GGSN sets the timeout value based on the attribute sent from the RADIUS server. The RADIUS server timeout attribute is given in seconds. If the value returned by the RADIUS server is less than 30 seconds, the GGSN sets the timeout value to 30 seconds. If the value is greater than 30 seconds, the GGSN sets the timeout value to the same value returned by the RADIUS server.
2. **Access-point**—If the access point is configured for transparent access mode, or is in non-transparent access mode and the RADIUS server does not return a timeout value, then the GGSN uses the value that you specified for the **gtp pdp-context timeout session** or **gtp pdp-context timeout idle** commands.
3. **Global timer**—If the GGSN does not receive a timeout value from the RADIUS server or the access point, then it uses the value that you specified for the **gprs gtp pdp-context timeout session** or **gprs gtp pdp-context timeout idle** commands.

In summary, the timeout values from the RADIUS server take precedence over the timer configurations on the GGSN, and the timers for a particular access point takes precedence over the globally configured timers.

The values for the **gtp pdp-context timeout session** and **gtp pdp-context timeout idle** commands override the values for the **gprs gtp pdp-context timeout session** or **gprs gtp pdp-context timeout idle** commands.

**Note**

When you enable a session timer (idle or absolute), any gateway GPRS support node-call detail records (G-CDRs) triggered for the termination of a PDP context because a timer expires will have a cause value of “managementIntervention.”

Configuring the Session Idle Timer

GGSN supports the RADIUS Idle-Timeout (Attribute 28) field. The GGSN stores the attribute 28 value if it is present in the access request packets sent by the AAA server. When a PDP context is idle for an amount of time that exceeds the duration specified with this command, the GGSN terminates the context.

The duration specified for the timer applies to all PDP contexts of a session, however, a timer is started for each PDP context.

The session idle timer can be configured globally and at the APN. The values configured at the APN level override those configured globally.

**Note**

The session idle timer started for a PDP context is reset by TPDU traffic and GTP signaling messages for that PDP context. For example, if an Update PDP Context request is received, the session idle timer is reset for that PDP context.

Configuring the Session Idle Timer Globally on the GGSN

To configure the amount of time that the GGSN allows a PDP context to remain idle on any access point before purging the context, use the following command, beginning in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs gtp pdp-context timeout idle seconds [uplink]	Specifies the time, in seconds, that the GGSN allows a PDP context to remain idle on any access point before purging the context. The valid range is between 30 and 429467. The default is 259200 seconds (72 hours). Optionally, specify the uplink keyword option to enable the session idle timer in the uplink direction only. When the uplink keyword option is not specified, the session idle timer is enabled in both directions (uplink and downlink).



Note

As an alternative, you can configure the session idle timer globally using the **gprs idle-pdp-context purge-timer hours** command in global configuration mode, however, the two methods cannot be configured at the same time.

Configuring the Session Idle Timer on an Access Point on the GGSN

To configure the amount of time that the GGSN allows a PDP context to remain idle for a particular access point before purging the context, use the following command, beginning in access-point configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-access-point)# gtp pdp-context timeout idle seconds [uplink]	Specifies the time, in seconds, that the GGSN allows a PDP context to remain idle for a particular access point before purging the context. The valid range is between 30 and 429467. The default is 259200 seconds (72 hours). Optionally, specify the uplink keyword option to enable the session idle timer in the uplink direction only. When the uplink keyword option is not specified, the session idle timer is enabled in both directions (uplink and downlink).



Note

As an alternative, you can configure the session idle timer on an access point using the **session idle-time hours** access-point configuration command; however, the two methods cannot be configured at the same time.

Disabling the Session Idle Timer on the GGSN

By default, for all access points, the GGSN purges the idle PDP contexts of a session after 72 hours. If you want to allow PDP contexts to remain idle for an indefinite period of time, you can disable the timer for a particular user by configuring 0 as the session idle time duration in the user profile on the RADIUS server. If the user is not authenticated by RADIUS, the session idle timer cannot be disabled.

Configuring the Absolute Session Timer

GGSN supports the RADIUS Session-Timeout (Attribute 27) field. When you enable the absolute session timer, the GGSN stores the attribute 27 value if it is present in the access request packets sent by the AAA server. When the duration of a session exceeds the value specified with this command, the GGSN terminates all PDP contexts belonging to the session (those with the same IMSI or MS address).

The absolute session timer can be configured globally and at the APN. The values configured at the APN level override those configured globally.

By default, the absolute session timer is disabled.



Note

The GGSN absolute session timer requires that you have enabled the GGSN to include the Session-Timeout (Attribute 27) in RADIUS requests using the **gprs radius attribute session-timeout** command in global configuration mode.

Configuring the Absolute Session Timer Globally on the GGSN

To configure the amount of time that the GGSN allows a session to exist for any access point before ending the session and purging all PDP contexts belonging to the session, use the following command in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs gtp pdp-context timeout session <i>seconds</i>	Specifies the amount of time, in seconds, that the GGSN allows a session to exist on any access point before ending the session and purging all PDP contexts with the same IMSI or MS address. The valid range is between 30 and 4294967 seconds.

Configuring the Absolute Session Timer on an Access Point on the GGSN

To configure the amount of time that the GGSN allows a session to exist on a particular access point before ending the session and purging all PDP contexts belonging to the session, use the following command in access-point configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-access-point)# gtp pdp-context timeout session <i>seconds</i>	Specifies the amount of time, in seconds, that the GGSN allows a session to exist on a particular access point before ending the session and purging all PDP contexts with the same IMSI or MS address. The valid range is between 30 and 4294967 seconds.

Disabling the Absolute Session Timer on the GGSN

By default, the absolute session timer is disabled on the GGSN. To return to the default configuration after enabling the absolute session timer, use the **no** form of the global or access-point configuration commands (**no gprs gtp pdp-context timeout session** or **no gtp pdp-context timeout session**).

Verifying the Timer Configuration

To display timer information for a particular PDP context, you can use the **show gprs gtp pdp-context** command, using the **tid** or **imsi** keywords. The following example shows sample output for the **show gprs gtp pdp-context tid** command for a PDP context with an session idle timer set at the value of 200 hours (720000 seconds) and an absolute session timer set at 24 hours (86400 seconds). The timer values are displayed in the **session timeout** and **idle timeout** fields shown in bold:

```
Router#show gprs gtp pdp-context tid 1234000000000014
TID           MS Addr           Source  SGSN Addr      APN
1234000000000014 1.2.3.18           Static  4.4.4.10      gtpv1.com

current time :Feb 15 2010 04:11:17
user_name (IMSI): 2143000000000004      MS address: 1.2.3.18
MS International PSTN/ISDN Number (MSISDN): 1120000000000004
sgsn_addr_signal: 4.4.4.10      sgsn_addr_data: 4.4.4.10
control teid local: 0x0210001F
control teid remote: 0x00000041
data teid local: 0x02100020
data teid remote: 0x00000042
primary pdp: Y      nsapi: 1
signal_sequence: 1      seq_tpdu_up: 0
seq_tpdu_down: 0
upstream_signal_flow: 0      upstream_data_flow: 0
downstream_signal_flow: 0      downstream_data_flow: 0
RAupdate_flow: 0
pdp_create_time: Feb 15 2010 04:07:59
last_access_time: Feb 15 2010 04:07:59
mnrflag: 0      tos mask map: B8
session timeout: 86400
idle timeout: 720000
umts qos_req: 0911012901010111050101
umts qos_neg: 0911012901010111050101
QoS class: conversational
rcv_pkt_count: 10026      rcv_byte_count: 1824732
send_pkt_count: 5380      send_byte_count: 4207160
cef_up_pkt: 0      cef_up_byte: 0
cef_down_pkt: 0      cef_down_byte: 0
cef_drop: 0      out-sequence pkt: 0
charging_id: 42194519
visitor: No      roamer: Unknown
charging characteristics: 1
charging characteristics received: 0
csg: csggroup1, address: 75.75.75.1
pdp reference count: 2
primary dns: 0.0.0.0
secondary dns: 0.0.0.0
primary nbns: 0.0.0.0
secondary nbns: 0.0.0.0
ntwk_init_pdp: 0
single pdp-session: Disabled

absolute session start time: NOT SET
Accounting Session ID: 161616010283D657
Periodic accounting interval: NOT SET
AAA Unique ID: 16 (0x10)
Interim Update statistics:
    records sent 0, records failed 0
Direct Tunnel: Disabled
Eggsn mode: 0x06 (QS: disabled, EGCDR: enabled, SVC-MESG: enabled)
PDP internal flags: 7C0001
MCB internal flags: 0
```

Deleting Sessions on the GGSN

If necessary, you can manually delete PDP contexts using the **clear gprs gtp pdp-context** privileged EXEC command.

You can delete PDP contexts by TID, IMSI value, or by access point (by IP version or all active PDPs on that access-point).

As defined by 3GPP standards, by default, the GGSN sends a Delete PDP Context request to the SGSN, and waits for a response from the SGSN before deleting the PDP context. Also, only a certain number of PDP contexts can be deleted at one time when multiple PDP contexts are being deleted.

If an SGSN is not responding to the GGSN's Delete PDP Context requests, a long delay might occur before the task is completed. You can use the Fast PDP Delete feature (the **no-wait-sgsn** and **local-delete** access point keyword options) to eliminate this delay. The Fast PDP Delete feature enables you to delete PDP contexts within an APN without the GGSN waiting for a response from the SGSN, or delete PDP contexts locally without the GGSN sending a Delete PDP Context request to the SGSN at all.

When using the Fast PDP Delete feature:

- The Fast PDP Delete feature can be used only when an APN or the GGSN is in maintenance mode. Therefore, the **no-wait-sgsn** and **local-delete** keyword options are available only when the APN or GGSN is in maintenance mode.
- When the **no-wait-sgsn** and **local-delete** keyword options are specified, and the command entered, the GGSN prompts you with the following caution:

```
Deleting all PDPs without successful acknowledgements from the SGSN will result in the
SGSN and GGSN going out of sync. Do you want to proceed ? [n]:
```

The default is **no**. To cancel the delete, type **n** and press enter. To proceed with the delete, type **y** and press enter.

- When processing service-aware PDPs, while the GGSN does not wait for a response from the SGSN when the Fast PDP Delete feature is used, the GGSN must wait for a response from the Cisco CSG and Diameter server. Therefore, the Fast PDP Delete feature is not as useful for service-aware PDPs.
- If a Delete PDP Context requests is lost, the SGSN will not be able to delete the PDP context. This condition might result in inconsistent CDRs generated by the GGSN and the SGSN.
- When the **no-wait-sgsn** keyword option is specified, the GGSN does not throttle the Delete PDP Context requests to the SGSN, and therefore, the GGSN might flood the SGSN with Delete PDP Context requests.
- The Fast PDP Delete feature applies only to PDP deletion initiated by the **clear gprs gtp-context** privileged EXEC command. PDP deletion due to other circumstances, such as PDP deletion during a failure condition, is not impacted.

To manually delete PDP contexts, use the following command in privileged EXEC mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-access-point)# clear gprs gtp pdp-context {tid tunnel-id imsi imsi_value path ip-address [remote_port_num] access-point access-point-index [no-wait-sgsn local-delete] pdp-type {ipv6 ipv4} all}	Clears one or more packet data protocol (PDP) contexts (mobile sessions) by TID, IMSI value, path, or by access point (by IP version or all active PDPs). Note The no-wait-sgsn and local-delete keyword options are available only when an APN is in maintenance mode (using service-mode maintenance command).

For more information about placing an APN in maintenance mode, see [“Configuring APN Maintenance Mode” section on page 4-28](#).

Configuring Flow Control for GTP Error Messages

GTP error indication messages are sent by the GGSN to the SGSN when the SGSN sends data for PDP context the GGSN cannot locate. The error indication message informs the SGSN that the PDP context cannot be located so that the SGSN can clean up the PDP context on its end.

By default, the GGSN disables flow control for GTP error messages.

You can enable flow control for transmission of GTP error messages by using the **gprs gtp error-indication-throttle** command in global configuration mode. This command sets the initial value of a counter which is decremented each time an error indication message is sent. When the counter reaches zero, the GGSN stops transmitting error indication messages. The GGSN resets this counter to the configured throttle value after one second.

To configure flow control for GTP error messages, use the following command in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs gtp error-indication-throttle window-size <i>size</i>	Specifies the maximum number of error indication messages that the GGSN sends out in one second, where <i>size</i> is an integer between 0 and 256. There is no default value.

Configuring the GGSN to Maintain a History for Deleted SGSN Paths

The Cisco GGSN can be configured to store statistics collected for deleted SGSN paths.

To configure the maximum number of deleted SGSN paths entries for which you want the GGSN to store a history of statistics, use the following command in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs gtp path history <i>number</i>	Configures the maximum number of deleted SGSN path entries for which the GGSN will store a history of statistics. A valid value is between 1 and 1000. The default is 100.



Note

If the number of entries is changed to a lower value, the older values are deleted.

Suppressing Echo Requests per SGSN

Using the **gprs gtp path sgsn** command in global configuration mode, operators can selectively disable echo requests for GSNs that might not have the capability to respond to echo requests from the GGSN while keeping the echo requests intact for the other SGSNs. In addition, echo requests can be disabled for a specific port of a GSN.

When a new path is created, the GGSN checks to see if the path parameters, namely the destination address and port, matches any of the conditions configured when suppressing echo requests using the **gprs gtp path** command. If the parameters match, the GGSN sets the path echo interval to 0 for that path. Otherwise, the global path echo interval configuration is used to send echo requests.

You can disable echo requests for a range of IP addresses, or a single IP address, with an optional port number.

To suppress echo requests, use the following command in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
<code>Router(config)# gprs gtp path sgsn start-ip-address [end-ip-address] [UDP port] echo 0</code>	Specifies that the path created for all SGSNs in the range <i>start-ip-address</i> and <i>end-ip-address</i> , and corresponding to the UDP port configured, has an echo request interval of 0 (disabled).

The following example disables echo requests for one SGSN:

```
Router(config)# gprs gtp path sgsn 10.10.10.10 echo 0
```

The following example disables echo request for one SGSN for port 4000 only:

```
Router(config)# gprs gtp path sgsn 10.10.10.10 4000 echo 0
```

Configuring Support for GGSN-Initiated Update PDP Context Requests



Note

GGSN-initiated Update PDP Context Requests are supported for GTPv1 PDP contexts.

With Cisco GGSN Release 8.0 and later, a Cisco GGSN can send an Update PDP Context Request (as defined in 3GPP TR 29.060 v7.5.1, section 7.3.3) to an SGSN to negotiate the QoS of a PDP context.

An external entity, such as the Cisco Content Services Gateway (CSG) in an Gx environment, can push a new QoS profile to the GGSN to apply on a particular PDP context. The GGSN then pushes the changes to the RAN in an Update PDP Context Request to the SGSN.

In addition, when a direct tunnel is being used for a PDP context, the GGSN sends an Update PDP Context Request to an SGSN because of an error indication message from a Radio Network Controller (RNC).

The GGSN includes the following Information Elements (IEs) in the Update PDP Context Request:

- Recovery
- NSAPI
- QoS profile
- Direct tunnel flags, if the update request is initiated due to a direct tunnel error indication received from the RNC.

Once the QoS is renegotiated, the SGSN returns an Update PDP Context Response to the GGSN to complete the process. If the Cause value in the Update PDP Context Response from the SGSN is “Request Accepted,” one of the following actions will occur:

- If the Update PDP Context Request was initiated by an error indication message from the RNC, the PDP context is preserved.
- If the Update PDP Context Request was initiated by a CoA containing new QoS, then an Interim-Acct-Update message is sent to communicate the new QoS (the QoS values supplied in the Update PDP Context Request might have been negotiated downwards by the SGSN). The GGSN will inform the same in an Acct-Update message.

If the Cause value in the Update PDP Context Response is anything other than “Request Accepted,” then one of the following actions will occur:

- If the Update PDP Context Request was initiated due to an error indication from the RNC, the PDP is locally deleted.
- If the Update PDP Context Request was initiated by a CoAcommand in global configuration mode, then:
 - If the **gprs gtp update qos-fail delete** command in global configuration mode or the **gtp update qos-fail delete** command in access-point configuration mode are configured, the GGSN will delete the PDP context and send notification of the update failure in an Acct-Stop message.
 - If the **gprs gtp update qos-fail delete** command in global configuration mode or the **gtp update qos-fail delete** command in access-point configuration mode are not configured, the GGSN will retain the PDP context and generate an accounting interim record with the negotiated QoS value.
 - In all cases of failure, an error message is logged to indicate the failure.



Note There is no error message syslog generated for direct tunnel Update PDP Context request failure.

To enable GGSN-initiated Update PDP Context Requests globally, issue the following command in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs gtp update qos-fail delete	Configures the GGSN to delete a PDP context if a GGSN-initiated QoS update fails, and no GGSN-initiated Update PDP Context Request failure action is configured under the APN using the gtp update qos-fail command in access point configuration mode.

To enable GGSN-initiated Update PDP Context Requests under an APN, issue the following command in access-point configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-access-point)# gtp update qos-fail delete	Configures the GGSN to delete a PDP context if a GGSN-initiated QoS update fails.

Using the Service-Mode Function

The GGSN service-mode function enables you to make configuration changes and test calls without affecting all active sessions on a GGSN. You can configure the service-mode state globally, on an access point, and for the GGSN charging function. There are two service-mode states: operational and maintenance. The default mode is operational.

Configuring Global Maintenance Mode

When a GGSN is placed in global maintenance mode, it rejects all new Create PDP Context requests. Therefore, no new PDP contexts are activated for an entire GGSN while it is in global maintenance mode.

The following sections provide examples of how to use global maintenance mode:

Adding a New GGSN

1. Enable GGSN services and place the GGSN in maintenance mode

```
Router(config)# service ggsn
Router(config)# gprs service-mode maintenance
```

2. Configure the GGSN for your network.
3. Place the GGSN in operational mode.

```
Router(config)# gprs service-mode operational
```

Modifying a GGSN

1. Place the GGSN in maintenance mode.

```
Router(config)# gprs service-mode maintenance
```

Wait for existing PDPs for all APNs to be released normally (average session time is approximately 1 hour) and for buffered CDRs to be sent to the charging gateway. If it is not possible for CDRs to be sent to the charging gateway because there is not an active charging gateway, manually clear the CDRs by placing the charging function in maintenance mode using the **gprs charging service-mode** command and issuing the **clear gprs charging cdr all no-transfer** command. For more information on placing the charging function in maintenance mode, see the [“Configuring Charging Maintenance Mode” section on page 4-30](#).

2. Modify the GGSN configuration as desired.
3. Return the GGSN to operational mode.

```
Router(config)# gprs service-mode operational
```

Deactivating a GGSN

1. Place the GGSN in maintenance mode.

```
Router(config)# gprs service-mode maintenance
```

Wait for existing PDPs for all APNs to be released normally (average session time is approximately 1 hour) and for buffered CDRs to be sent to the charging gateway. If it is not possible for CDRs to be sent to the charging gateway because there is not an active charging gateway, manually clear the CDRs by placing the charging function in maintenance mode using the **gprs charging service-mode** command and issuing the **clear gprs charging cdr all no-transfer** command. For more information on placing the charging function in maintenance mode, see the [“Configuring Charging Maintenance Mode” section on page 4-30](#).

2. Remove the GGSN from service.

```
Router(config)# no service gprs ggsn
```

To configure the global service-mode state of the GGSN, use the following command in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs service-mode [operational maintenance]	Configures the global service-mode state. The default is operational.



Note

When the GGSN is in global maintenance mode, all APNs are placed in maintenance mode as well.

Configuring APN Maintenance Mode

The service-mode state of an APN can be configured to enable you to add a new APN or modify an existing APN without affecting sessions for other APNs in the GGSN.

When an APN is in maintenance mode, it does not accept Create PDP Context requests. Once active PDP contexts are released (or manually cleared using the **clear gprs gtp pdp-context access-point** command), all APN-related parameters can be configured or modified and the APN set to operational mode.

In addition, once you have added and configured an APN, you can verify the configuration using the **gprs service-mode test imsi** command in global configuration mode to set up a test user (one per GGSN) and performing a PDP context creation.

**Note**

The GGSN must be in operational mode (**gprs service-mode operational** command) to test a PDP context creation from a test user using the **gprs service-mode test imsi** command.

To delete an APN, change the APN service-mode state to maintenance mode, wait for all existing PDPs to be released, and then remove the APN using the **no access-point-name** command.

To configure the service-mode state of an APN, use the following command in access-point configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config-access-point)# service-mode [operational maintenance]	Configures service-mode state of an APN.

The following sections provide examples of how to use APN maintenance mode:

Adding a new APN

1. Add a new APN and place it in maintenance mode (by default, an APN is in operational mode).

```
Router(config-access-point)# access-point-name apn-num
Router(config-access-point)# service-mode maintenance
```

2. Configure the APN.
3. Create a PDP context for testing the APN configuration.

```
Router(config)# gprs service-mode test imsi imsi-value
```

4. Place the APN in operational mode.

```
Router(config-access-point)# service-mode operational
```

Modifying an APN

1. Place the APN in maintenance mode.

```
Router(config-access-point)# service-mode maintenance
```

Wait for PDP contexts to be released or clear them manually by using the **clear gprs gtp pdp-contexts access-point** command.

2. Modify the APN.
3. Create a PDP context for testing the APN configuration.

```
Router(config)# gprs service-mode test imsi imsi-value
```

4. Place the APN in operational mode.

```
Router(config-access-point)# service-mode operational
```

Deleting an APN:

1. Place the APN in maintenance mode.

```
Router(config-access-point)# service-mode maintenance
```

Wait for PDP contexts to be released or clear them manually by using the **clear gprs gtp pdp-contexts access-point** command.

2. Delete the APN.

```
Router(config-access-point)# no access-point-name apn-num
```

Configuring Charging Maintenance Mode

The charging function of a GGSN primarily consists of collecting call detail records (CDRs) and transmitting CDRs to charging gateways. The service mode state of the GGSN charging function does not impact the collection of CDRs. However, when the charging function is placed in maintenance service-mode state, CDRs are not transmitted to the charging gateway.

When the charging function is in maintenance mode, you can add, delete, or modify charging gateways (for example, change the IP address of the charging gateways, their priority, and number). If a new primary charging gateway is configured while the charging function is in maintenance mode, when the charging function of the GGSN is placed back in operational mode, all accumulated CDRs are sent to the new charging gateway.

When in maintenance mode, all collected CDRs, and those in the pending queue, are stored on the GGSN. If desired, these stored CDRs can be cleared using the **clear gprs charging cdr all no-transfer** command. When cleared, they will not be transmitted to the charging gateway when the charging function is returned to operational mode.

The following charging function configuration commands require the charging function to be in maintenance mode:

- **gprs charging path-protocol**
- **gprs charging header short**
- **gprs charging map data tos**
- **gprs charging message transfer-request command-ie**
- **gprs charging message transfer-response number-responded**
- **gprs charging port**
- **gprs default charging-gateway**
- **gprs charging send-buffer**

By default the charging function is in operational mode. To configure the service-mode state of the charging function, use the following command in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# gprs charging service-mode [operational maintenance]	Configures the service-mode state of a GGSN's charging function.

The following section provide example of how to use charging maintenance mode:

Modifying a Charging Gateway

1. Place the GGSN charging function in maintenance mode.

```
Router(config)# gprs charging service-mode maintenance
```

CDRs are collected but not transmitted. All collected and buffered CDRs are stored until the charging function is returned to operational mode. At that time, they are sent to the charging gateway.

2. Modify the charging configuration (number of gateways, path protocol, order, etc.).
3. If desired, clear all stored and pending CDRs so that they will not be sent to the charging gateway once the charging function is returned to operational mode.

```
Router(config)# clear gprs charging cdr all no-transfer
```

4. Return the charging function to operational mode.

```
Router(config)# gprs charging service-mode operational
```

To manually clear all CDRs stored on the GGSN, including those in the pending queue, use the following command in global configuration mode:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# clear gprs charging cdr all no-transfer	Clears stored CDRs, including those in the pending queue, when a the charging function is in maintenance mode.



Note

To clear CDRs, the GGSN must be in global maintenance mode (using the **gprs service-mode maintenance** command) and charging maintenance mode (using the **gprs charging service-mode maintenance** command).



Note

When the GGSN is in charging and global maintenance modes, the GGSN no longer creates CDRs for existing PDPs.

Monitoring and Maintaining GTP on the GGSN

This section provides a summary list of the **show** commands that you can use to monitor GTP on the GGSN.

The following privileged EXEC commands are used to monitor and maintain GTP on the GGSN:

Command	Purpose
Router# show gprs access-point	Displays information about access points on the GGSN.
Router# show gprs access-point statistics	Displays data volume and PDP activation and deactivation statistics for access points on the GGSN.

Command	Purpose
Router# show gprs gtp ms { <i>imsi imsi</i> <i>access-point access-point-index</i> all }	Displays a list of the currently active mobile stations (MSs) on the GGSN.
Router# show gprs gtp parameters	Displays information about the current GTP configuration on the GGSN.
Router# show gprs gtp path { <i>remote-address ip-address</i> [<i>remote-port-num</i>] version gtp-version all }	Displays information about one or more GTP paths between the GGSN and other GPRS/UMTS devices.
Router# show gprs gtp path statistics history <i>number</i>	Displays statistics for GTP path entries stored in history.
Router# show gprs gtp path statistics remote-address <i>ip-address</i> [<i>remote-port port-num</i>]	Displays statistics for a specific path.
Router# show gprs gtp pdp-context { <i>tid tunnel_id</i> [<i>service [all id id_string]</i>] <i>ms-address ip-address</i> [<i>access-point access-point-index</i>] <i>imsi imsi</i> [<i>nsapi nsapi</i> [<i>tft</i>]] <i>path ip-address</i> [<i>remote-port-num</i>] <i>access-point access-point-index</i> <i>pdp-type {ip ppp}</i> <i>qos-umts-class {background conversational interactive streaming}</i> <i>qos-precedence {low normal high}</i> <i>qos-delay {class1 class2 class3 classbesteffort}</i> <i>version gtp-version</i> } <i>msisdn [msisdn] detail</i> <i>ms-ipv6-addr ipv6-address</i> all }	Displays a list of the currently active PDP contexts. Note The show gprs gtp pdp-context command options vary, depending on the type of QoS method that is enabled on the GGSN.
Router# show gprs gtp statistics	Displays the current GTP statistics for the GGSN (such as information element (IE), GTP signaling, and GTP PDU statistics).
Router# show gprs gtp status	Displays information about the current status of GTP on the GGSN.
Router# show gprs service-mode	Displays the current service mode of the GGSN and the last time the service mode was changed.

Configuration Examples

This section includes the following examples:

- [GGSN Configuration Example, page 4-32](#)
- [Dynamic Echo Timer Configuration Example, page 4-34](#)

GGSN Configuration Example

The following example shows part of a sample GGSN configuration with some of the commands that you use to configure basic GGSN GTP services:

```
Router# show running-config

Current configuration : 3521 bytes
!
version 12.2
no service single-slot-reload-enable
service timestamps debug uptime
service timestamps log uptime
no service password-encryption
!
! Enables GGSN services
```



```

!
service gprs ggsn
!
ip cef
!
! Configures a loopback interface
!
interface loopback 1
 ip address 10.40.40.3 255.255.255.0
!
! Defines the virtual-template interface
! with GTP encapsulation
!
interface Virtual-Template1
 ip unnumber loopback 1
 encapsulation gtp
 gprs access-point-list gprs
!
. . .
!
gprs access-point-list gprs
!
 access-point 1
 access-point-name gprs.cisco.com
 exit
!
 access-point 2
 access-point-name gprr.cisco.com
 exit
!
 access-point 3
 access-point-name gprr.cisco.com
 access-mode non-transparent
 aaa-group authentication abc
 exit
!
! Configures GTP parameters
!
gprs maximum-pdp-context-allowed 90000
gprs gtp path-echo-interval 0
gprs default charging-gateway 10.15.15.1
!
! Enables the memory protection feature to become active if the memory threshold falls
! below 50 MB
!
gprs memory threshold 512
!
. . .
. . .
!
end

```

Dynamic Echo Timer Configuration Example

The following example shows part of a sample GGSN configuration for the dynamic echo timer. In this example, the dynamic echo timer is enabled, the smooth factor is changed from the default value of 2 to the value 5, and the dynamic minimum value is changed from the default value of 5 seconds to the value 10 seconds:

```
Router# show running-config

Current configuration : 6769 bytes
!
version 12.2
no service pad
service timestamps debug uptime
service timestamps log uptime
no service password-encryption
service internal
service gprs ggsn
!
ip cef
!
. . .
!
interface loopback 1
 ip address 10.41.41.1 255.255.255.0
!
interface Virtual-Template1
 ip unnumber loopback 1
 encapsulation gtp
 gprs access-point-list gprs
!
. . .
!
gprs access-point-list gprs
 access-point 1
  access-point-name gprs.cisco.com
  exit
!
 access-point 2
  access-point-name gprr.cisco.com
  access-mode non-transparent
  aaa-group authentication test2
  aaa-group accounting test2
  ip-address-pool dhcp-proxy-client
  dhcp-server 10.65.0.1
  dhcp-gateway-address 10.65.0.1
  exit
!
! Enables the dynamic echo timer
!
gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic enable
!
! Configures a smooth factor of 5
!
gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic smooth-factor 5
!
! Configures the dynamic minimum as 10 seconds
!
gprs gtp echo-timer dynamic minimum 10
gprs gtp response-message wait-accounting
!
end
```