

# Exercise: ISIS

## Summary of Generic ISIS commands

### **router isis process-name**

Enter ISIS configuration mode. The process-name is simply the name of the ISIS process - a router can run more than one ISIS process if required.

### **redistribute connected subnets**

Advertise all networks to which we are connected, including those which are not being used to talk to other ISIS routers. The use of this command is not recommended within ISP backbones, but is included here for completeness. ("redistributed connected" by itself only distributes classful routes, i.e. whole class A/B/C networks, so it's important to add "subnets")

### **redistribute static subnets**

Advertise all static routes we have (except defaultroute). The use of this command isn't ordinarily required or recommended. However, there will be circumstances where redistribution of statics into ISIS are required. An example will be shown in the lab.

### **default-information originate [route-map route-map]**

Advertise a default route into ISIS, optionally using route-map route-map. Typically this would go on your border router(s).

### **is-type level-2-only**

Set the the IS type to be in Level-2 only. ISP backbones only ever use level-2. Cisco IOS puts all interfaces in level 1 and 2 by default.

### **metric-style wide**

Set the metric style to be wide. Cisco IOS uses narrow metrics by default which only gives 6 bits available for setting the IGP metric - not suitable for today's backbones, and won't permit IPv6 support.

## ISIS interface configuration

<b>ip router isis process-name</b>	Initiate ISIS process process-name on interface
<b>isis circuit-type level-2-only</b>	Set IS type to level 2
<b>isis metric n level-2</b>	Set outbound interface cost to n
<b>isis authentication mode md5 level-2</b>	Use MD5 authentication on all ISIS packets
<b>isis authentication key-chain chain-name level-2</b>	Use chain-name as the key-chain for ISIS authentication

## Part 1: Loopback interfaces

A loopback interface is a single (/32) IP address which belongs to a device, independent of its physical interface addresses. It's very convenient when managing routers, because you can use the loopback address as a fixed address to telnet to, or monitor using SNMP, which will continue to work even if one or more of the interfaces has failed.

1. Check that there is no ISIS process running from any previous exercises. To do this you can do **sh run | include isis**. If there is one there, remove it, for example:

```
router-a#conf t
router-a(config)#no router isis rns
router-a(config-if)# [Hit ctrl-Z]
router-a#write mem
```

2. Check that you have no static routes. If you do have some, remove them.

```
router-a#show ip route
```

*The only routes you should see are (C)onnected routes for your own interfaces. If you have any (S)tatic routes, delete them like this:*

```
router-a#conf t
router-a(config)#no ip route 196.200.220.32 255.255.255.240 196.200.220.30
router-a(config-if)# [Hit ctrl-Z]
router-a#write mem
```

3. Now check your router can still ping the PC on your desk, and other routers on the backbone. (Your PC won't be able to ping any other PCs though, because your router doesn't have the routes any more)

4. You will need to subdivide your assigned network space. You will need one subnet for your host network, and a /32 for the loopback. (In real life you would have a number of routers, and say a /29 block would be enough for 8 loopbacks).

Configure your loopback address into your router. The example below is for the router belonging to Team A. They have decided to subdivide their address block 192.168.1.32/28 such that 192.168.1.47/32 is the address of the loopback interface of their router.

```
router-a#conf t
router-a(config)#int loopback0
router-a(config-if)#ip address 192.168.1.47 255.255.255.255
router-a(config-if)# [Hit ctrl-Z]
```

5. Now save your configuration.

```
router-a#write mem
```

## Part 2: Learning routes via ISIS

The initial network topology is the same as for the static routing exercise

1. Enable ISIS on the backbone interface (only). Create the NSAP address from your loopback interface address as described in the presentation

```
router-a#conf t
router-a(config)#router isis rns
router-a(config-router)#net 49.0001.1921.6800.1047.00
router-a(config-router)#is-type level-2-only
router-a(config-router)#metric-style wide
router-a(config-router)#log-adjacency-changes
router-a(config-router)# [Hit ctrl-Z]
```

2. We will now set ISIS on the backbone interface. We will also set the link cost to 100.

```
router-a(config-router)#int fa1/0 (or int fa0/0)
router-a(config-if)#ip router isis rns
router-a(config-if)#isis circuit-type level-2-only
router-a(config-if)#isis metric 100 level-2
router-a(config-if)# [Hit ctrl-Z]
```

3. We will now mark the Loopback interface as passive to ensure that ISIS will install the loopback interface address into ISIS RIB but will not actually run ISIS on the interface itself.

```
router-a(config)#router isis rns
router-a(config-router)#passive-interface Loopback 0
```

4. We also need to mark the internal LAN interface as passive to ensure that ISIS will announce our local LAN to the other routers in the classroom. As with the loopback, this will not run ISIS on the interface itself, but simply announce the interface's subnet.

```
router-a(config)#router isis rns
router-a(config-router)#passive-interface faste0/0
```

5. Look at the ISIS status

```
router-a#show clns int
router-a#show clns neighbor
router-a#show clns protocol
```

6. Once you have established a neighbor relationship with another router, you should automatically have learned some new routes:

```
router-a#show ip route
```

Routes learned through ISIS are tagged with I followed by an indication as to whether the prefix is L1 or L2. Check that the next hop IP address for each route is correct Also, the far router should also have picked up your route. You can go over to the other desk and ask to see "show ip route"

7. Check that your PC can ping the PCs on other desks

```
$ ping 192.168.1.129
```

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8. Once all desks are running, the instructors will add a class router into the ISIS cloud, and get it to announce a default route. Don't type this - it goes on the class border router and instructor will do this.

```
rns-border-1(config)#router isis rns  
rns-border-1(config-router)#default-information originate
```

9. Check that you can see the new router as a neighbor, and that you have picked up a default route (0.0.0.0) This should be sufficient to establish connectivity to the outside Internet but we wont attempt this! In any case, use ping, traceroute etc. to test this

10. Save your config

```
router-a#write mem
```

## **Part 4: IPv6 ISIS**

We are now going to take the above topology and enable IPv6 on it.

1. To enable ISIS for IPv6, we do:

```
ip router isis si-afnog  
address-family ipv6
```

2. We now add an IPv6 address for the interfaces we will be running IPv6 over. The active interface will be the classroom backbone, so the example might be:

```
interface fastethernet 0/0  
ipv6 address 2001:4348:220:10::1/64
```

Configure addresses on the active interfaces on the router. You will need one /64 for the link to your PC, one /128 for the loopback interface, and of course an address on the backbone network.

3. We now go to each interface we want to run ISIS for IPv6, and activate it for IPv6. Here is an example:

```
interface fastethernet 0/0  
ipv6 router isis si-afnog
```

So this example says that we are going to run ISIS for IPv6 on FastEthernet 0/0. It also says that the IPv6 address/subnet configured on FastEthernet 0/0 will be automatically inserted into the ISIS IPv6 routing table.

4. We now set metric 100 on the interface as we did for IPv4 earlier:

```
interface fastethernet 0/0  
isis ipv6 metric 100 level-2
```

5. Once all desks are running, the instructors will configure a default route on the class router. Don't type this - it goes on the class border router

```
rns-border-1(config)#router isis rns  
rns-border-1(config-router)#address-family ipv6  
rns-border-1(config-router-af)#default-information originate
```

6. Check that you can see the new router as a neighbor, and that you have picked up a default route (::/0)

This should be sufficient to establish IPv6 connectivity to the outside Internet! Use ping, traceroute etc. to test this

7. Save your config

```
router-a#write mem
```

## **Part 5: Dynamic changes in topology**

Above you showed how ISIS can learn routes from the rest of your network, without having to manually insert static routes. Now you can show how ISIS can adapt to topology changes and choose better (lower cost) routes when they are available

1. Work in pairs with an adjacent group

3. One of you will need to allocate a /30 subnet out of your address space for the link, and assign an IP address to each end. Then both of you need to configure your end of the link.

```
router-a#conf t  
router-a(config)#int fa0/0 (or int fa0/1)  
router-a(config-if)#description Backbone link to group B  
router-a(config-if)#ip address 192.168.1.37 255.255.255.252  
router-a(config-if)#no shutdown
```

4. You will need to do the same for IPv6. Agree between you and your neighbour on a /64 network to use for the point topoint link between your routers. Suggested /64s are in the addressing notes.

And now configure the link with its IPv6 addresses:

```
router-a#conf t
router-a(config)#int fa0/0 (or int fa0/1)
router-a(config-if)#ipv6 address 2001:4348:220:11::1/64
```

5. Note: If the remote router does not support HDLC, then you will need to use PPP as the encapsulation.

```
router-a#conf t
router-a(config)#int fa0/0 or fa1/0
```

Once this is done on both routers, "show int fa0/0" should show that the Interface is up (layer 1), but Line protocol is down (layer 2).

6. Line protocol should be up. Check you can ping the remote IP address. Because we have set the link to be only 64K, you should see a longer round-trip time reported by ping.

```
router-a#ping 196.200.220.34
```

Try this with IPv6 as well:

```
router-a#ping 2001:4348:220:11::2
```

7. Enable ISIS on the backbone. We will use a larger cost of 500 to reflect the fact that this is a slower-speed link

```
router-a#conf t
router-a(config-router)#int fa0/0 (or fa0/1)
router-a(config-if)#ip router isis rns
router-a(config-if)#isis metric 500 level-2
router-a(config-if)# [Hit ctrl-Z]
```

8. Both desks: look at your forwarding table

```
router-a#show ip route
```

Look carefully at the route to your neighbor's desk network, and your neighbor's router loopback interface, and make a note of it.

10. On one desk, unplug the ethernet connection into the backbone, wait a few seconds, and look at the forwarding table again. Does the desk which had its ethernet unplugged still have connectivity to the Internet? When you traceroute, what route do the packets take?

11. Plug the ethernet back in. Set the cost of the serial link to 50. Look at the routes again. What has happened to the route to your neighbor's desk network, and to their loopback interface?

12. Try setting the cost of the backbone link to 100 and Check the forwarding table ("show ip route"). Now what do you notice about the route to your neighboring desk's network?

13. We now do the same for ISIS for IPv6. Again we will use a larger cost of 500 to reflect the fact that this is a slower-speed link

```
router-a#conf t
router-a(config-if)#int fa1/0 (or fa0/1)
router-a(config-if)#ipv6 router isis rns
router-a(config-if)#isis ipv6 metric 500 level-2
router-a(config-if)# [Hit ctrl-Z]
```

14. Both desks: look at your forwarding table

```
router-a#show ipv6 route
```

Look carefully at the route to your neighbor's desk network, and your neighbor's router loopback interface, and make a note of it.

15. On one desk, unplug the ethernet connection into the backbone, wait a few seconds, and look at the forwarding table again.

Does the desk which had its ethernet unplugged still have connectivity to the Internet? When you traceroute, what route do the packets take?

16. Plug the ethernet back in. Set the cost of the serial link to 50.

Look at the routes again. What has happened to the route to your neighbor's desk network?

17. Try setting the cost of the serial link to 100

Check the forwarding table ("**show ipv6 route**"). Now what do you notice about the route to your neighboring desk's network?

Before finishing this exercise, reboot the router to get back to the saved configuration.