

Chapter 9

MLD Configuration Guidelines

To configure MLD, you include statements at the [edit protocols mld] hierarchy level of the configuration:

```
[edit]
protocols {
  mld {
    interface interface-name {
      disable;
      static {
        group group {
          source source;
        }
      }
      version version;
    }
    query-interval seconds;
    query-last-member-interval seconds;
    query-response-interval seconds;
    robust-count number;
    traceoptions {
      file name <replace> <size size> <files number> <no-stamp>
        <(world-readable | no-world-readable)>;
      flag flag <flag-modifier> <disable>;
    }
  }
}
```

By default, MLD is automatically enabled on all broadcast interfaces on which you configure PIM.

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Minimum MLD Configuration

MLD is automatically enabled on all broadcast interfaces when you configure PIM or DVMRP. All MLD configuration statements are optional.

Enable MLD

MLD is automatically enabled on all broadcast interfaces when you configure PIM or DVMRP.

To enable MLD explicitly, include the `mld` statement at the [edit protocols] hierarchy level. Optionally, you can specify the interface or interfaces on which to enable MLD. If you do not specify any interfaces, MLD is enabled on all interfaces.

```
[edit protocols]
mld {
  interface interface-name;
}
```

For information about specifying interface names, see interface naming in the *JUNOS Internet Software Configuration Guide: Network Interfaces and Class of Service*.

Modify the MLD Host-Query Message Interval

The MLD querier router periodically sends general host-query messages. These messages solicit group membership information and are sent to the link-scope all-nodes address FF02::1.

By default, host-query messages are sent every 125 seconds. You can change the number of MLD messages sent on the subnet by changing the query interval value. The larger the value, the less often MLD queries are sent.

To modify the interval value, include the `query-interval` statement at the [edit protocols mld] hierarchy level:

```
[edit protocols mld]
query-interval seconds;
```

The query interval value can range from 1 through 1024 seconds.

Modify the MLD Query Response Interval

The query response interval is the maximum amount of time that can elapse between when the querier router sends a host-query message and when it receives a response from a host. Varying this interval allows you to adjust the burstiness of MLD messages on the subnet. Larger intervals create more widely spaced node responses and result in less bursty traffic.

By default, the query response interval is 10 seconds. To modify this interval, include the `query-response-interval` statement at the `[edit protocols mld]` hierarchy level:

```
[edit protocols mld]
query-response-interval seconds;
```

The query response interval can range from 1 through 1024 seconds. It must be less than the host-query message interval.

Modify the Last-Member Query Interval

The last-member query interval is the maximum amount of time between group-specific query messages, including those sent in response to done messages sent on the link-scope-all-routers address FF02::2. You can lower this interval to reduce the amount of time it takes a router to detect the loss of the last member of a group.

The default last-member query interval is 1 second. To modify this interval, include the `query-last-member-interval` statement at the `[edit protocols mld]` hierarchy level:

```
[edit protocols mld]
query-last-member-interval seconds;
```

The last-member query interval can range from 1 through 1024 seconds.

Modify the Robustness Variable

The MLD robustness variable provides fine-tuning to allow for expected packet loss on a subnet. The value of the robustness variable is used in calculating the following MLD message intervals:

Group member interval—Amount of time that must pass before a multicast router decides there are no more members of a group on a network. This interval is calculated as follows: $(\text{robustness variable} \times \text{query interval}) + (1 \times \text{query response interval})$.

Other querier present interval—Amount of time that must pass before a multicast router decides that there is no longer another multicast router that is the querier. This interval is calculated as follows: $(\text{robustness variable} \times \text{query interval}) + (0.5 \times \text{query response interval})$.

Last member query count—Number of group-specific queries sent before the router assumes there are no local members of a group. The default number is the value of the robustness variable.

By default, the robustness variable is set to 2. You might want to increase this value if you expect a subnet to be lossy. To change the value of the robustness variable, include the robust-count statement at the [edit protocols mld] hierarchy level:

```
[edit protocols mld]
robust-count number;
```

The number can be from 2 through 10.

Enable MLD Static Group Membership

You can create MLD static group membership to test multicast forwarding without a receiver host. When you enable MLD static group membership, data is forwarded to an interface without receiving membership reports from host members.

To configure MLD static membership, include the static statement at the [edit protocols mld interface *interface-name*] hierarchy level. Then specify the group, or the group and its source or sources.

```
[edit protocols mld interface interface-name]
static {
  group group {
    source source;
  }
}
```



Note

You must specify a unique address for each group.

Example: MLD Static Group Membership

Configure MLD static membership on the interface where the data is to be forwarded, and specify the groups ff02::1:ff05:1a8d and ff02::1:ffa8:c34a with the source fe80::2e0:81ff:fe05:1a8d:

```
[edit ]
protocols {
  mld {
    interface fe-1/0/1.0 {
      static {
        group ff02::1:ff05:1a8d;
        group ff02::1:ffa8:c34a {
          source fe80::2e0:81ff:fe05:1a8d;
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Trace MLD Protocol Traffic

To trace MLD protocol traffic, you can specify options in the global traceoptions statement at the [edit routing-options] hierarchy level, and you can specify MLD-specific options by including the traceoptions statement at the [edit protocols mld] hierarchy level:

```
[edit protocols mld]
traceoptions{
  file name <replace> <size size> <files number> <no-stamp>
    <(world-readable | no-world-readable)>;
  flag flag <flag-modifier> <disable>;
}
```

You can specify the following MLD-specific options in the MLD flag statement:

leave—Trace leave-group messages (for Version 2 only).

mtrace—Trace mtrace packets. Use the mtrace command to troubleshoot the software.

packets—Trace all MLD packets.

query—Trace MLD membership query messages, including general and group-specific queries.

report—Trace membership report messages.

To trace the paths of multicast packets, use the mtrace command, as described in the *JUNOS Internet Software Operational Mode Command Reference: Protocols, Class of Service, Chassis, and Management* .

For information about tracing and global tracing options, see the *JUNOS Internet Software Configuration Guide: Routing and Routing Protocols*.

Example: Trace MLD Protocol Traffic

Trace only unusual or abnormal operations to routing-log, and trace all MLD packets to mld-log:

```
[edit]
routing-options {
  traceoptions {
    file routing-log;
    flag errors;
  }
}
protocols {
  mld {
    traceoptions {
      file mld-log;
      flag packets;
    }
  }
}
```

Disable MLD

To disable MLD on an interface, include the disable statement at the [edit protocols mld interface *interface-name*] hierarchy level:

```
[edit protocols]
mld {
  interface interface-name;
  disable;
}
```

For information about specifying interface names, see the sections about interface naming in the *JUNOS Internet Software Configuration Guide: Network Interfaces and Class of Service* .