

Chapter 13

Source-Specific Multicast

Source-specific multicast (SSM) is a service model that identifies session traffic by both source and group address. SSM implemented in the JUNOS software has the efficient explicit join procedures of PIM sparse mode but eliminates the immediate shared tree and RP procedures using (*, G) pairs. The (*) is a wildcard referring to any source sending to group G, and “G” refers to the IP multicast group. SSM builds shortest-path trees (SPTs) directly represented by (S,G) pairs. The “S” refers to the source’s unicast IP address, and the “G” refers to the specific multicast group address. The SSM (S,G) pairs are called channels to differentiate them from any-source multicast (ASM) groups. While ASM supports both one-to-many and many-to-many communications, ASM’s complexity is in its method of source discovery. For example, if you click on a link in a browser, the receiver is notified about the group information, but not the source information. With SSM, the client receives both source and group information.

SSM is ideal for one-to-many multicast services such as network entertainment channels. However, many-to-many multicast services might require ASM.

To deploy SSM successfully, you need an end-to-end multicast-enabled network and applications that use an IGMPv3 stack. An IGMPv3 stack is the capability of a host operating system to use the IGMPv3 protocol. Most operating systems today use an IGMPv2 stack. It is available in Windows XP, and upgrades are available on some UNIX operating systems.

For information about standards supported for source-specific multicast, see “IP Multicast Standards” on page 25.

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Source-Specific Multicast Groups Overview

PIM-SSM is an extension of the PIM protocol. Using SSM, a client can receive multicast traffic directly from the source. PIM-SSM uses the PIM-SM functionality to create an SPT between the client and the source, but builds the SPT without the help of an RP.

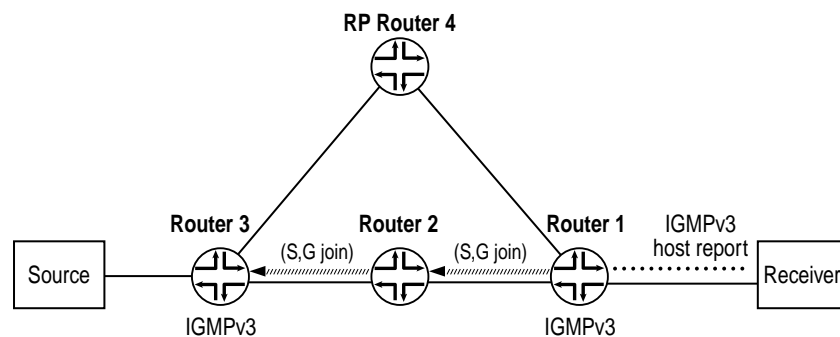
By default, the SSM group multicast address is limited to the IP address range 232.0.0.0 to 232.255.255.255. However, you can extend SSM operations into another Class D range by including the address statement at the [edit routing-options multicast ssm-groups] hierarchy level.

An SSM-configured network has distinct advantages over a traditionally configured PIM-SM network. There is no need for shared trees or RP mapping (no RP is required), or for RP-to-RP source discovery through Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP).

Deploying SSM is easy. You need only configure PIM-SM on all router interfaces and issue the necessary SSM commands, including specifying IGMP version 3 on the receiver's LAN. If PIM-SM is not explicitly configured on both the source and group members interfaces, multicast packets will not be forwarded. Source lists, supported in IGMP version 3, are used in PIM-SSM. Only sources that are specified send traffic to the SSM group.

In a PIM-SSM-configured network, a host subscribes to an SSM channel (by means of IGMP version 3), announcing a desire to join group G and source S (see Figure 9). The directly connected PIM-SM router, the receiver's designated router (DR), sends an (S,G) Join message to its RPF neighbor for the source. Notice in Figure 9 that the RP is not contacted in this process by the receiver, as would be the case in normal PIM-SM operations.

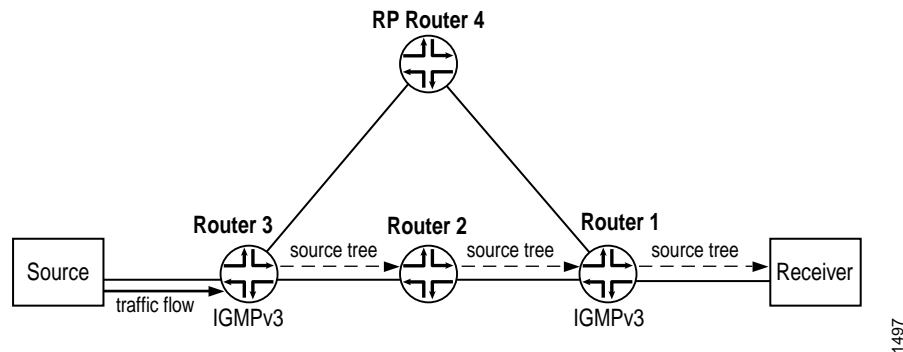
Figure 9: Receiver Announces Desire to Join Group G and Source S



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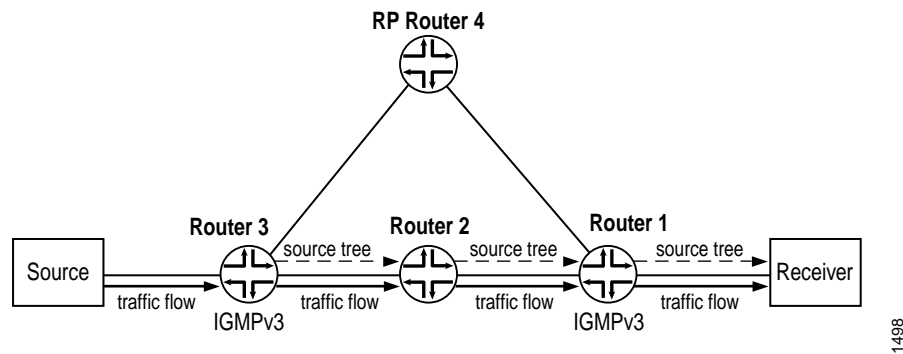
The (S,G) Join message initiates the source tree, then builds it out hop by hop until it reaches the source. In Figure 10, the source tree is built across the network to Router 3, the last-hop router connected to the source.

Figure 10: Router 3 (Last-hop Router) Joins the Source Tree



Using the source tree, multicast traffic is delivered to the subscribing host (see Figure 11).

Figure 11: The (S,G) State is Built Between the Source and the Receiver



To configure additional SSM groups, include the `ssm-groups` statement at the [edit routing-options multicast] hierarchy level:

```
[edit]
routing-options {
  multicast {
    ssm-groups {
      address;
    }
  }
}
```

Example: Configure an SSM-Only Domain

Deploying an SSM-only domain is much simpler than deploying an ASM domain; it only requires a few configuration steps. Enable PIM-SM on all interfaces by adding the mode statement at the [edit protocols pim interface all] hierarchy level. When configuring all interfaces, exclude the fxp0.0 management interface by adding the disable statement for that interface. Then configure IGMPv3 on all host-facing interfaces by adding the version statement at the [edit protocols igmp interface *interface-name*] hierarchy level.

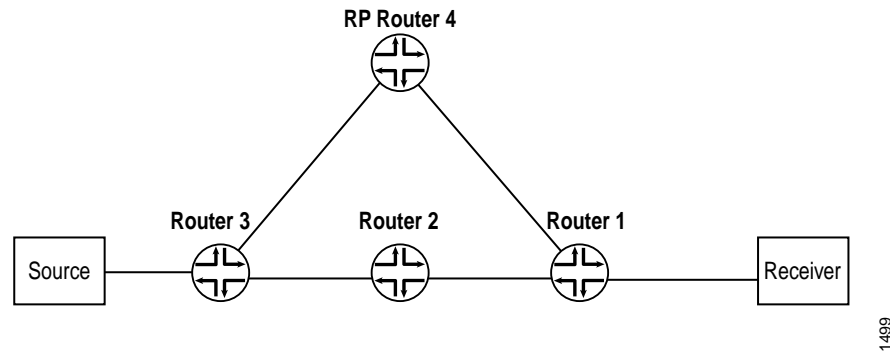
In the following example, the host-facing interface is fe-0/1/2.

```
[edit]
protocols {
  pim {
    interface all {
      mode sparse;
      version 2;
    }
    interface fxp0.0 {
      disable;
    }
  }
  igmp {
    interface fe-0/1/2 {
      version 3;
    }
  }
}
```

Example: Configure PIM-SSM on a Network

The following example shows how PIM-SSM is configured between a receiver and a source in the network illustrated in Figure 12.

Figure 12: Network on Which to Configure PIM-SSM



The configuration establishes IGMPv3 on all receiving host interfaces. You then can use the following show commands to verify the PIM-SSM configuration:

Issue the show igmp interface command to display IGMP interfaces, configurable parameters, and IGMP version.

Issue the show pim join extensive command to display the PIM state.

Enable IGMPv3 on all Host-Facing Interfaces

Use the version statement at the [edit protocols igmp interface all] hierarchy level to enable IGMPv3 on all host-facing interfaces.

```

[edit]
protocols {
  igmp {
    interface all {
      version 3;
    }
    interface fxp0.0 {
      disable;
    }
  }
}

```



Note

When you configure IGMPv3 on a router, hosts on which interfaces are configured with IGMPv2 cannot join the source tree.

Display the IGMP State

To show IGMP information about the interfaces on Router 1, use the `show igmp interface` command:

```
user@router1>show igmp interface
Interface      State   Querier      Timeout  Version  Groups
fxp1.0         Up      198.58.3.245 213      3         0
fe-0/0/0.0     Up      198.58.3.241 220      3         0
fe-0/0/1.0     Up      198.58.3.241 220      3         0
fe-0/0/2.0     Up      198.58.3.237 218      3         0...
```

Configured Parameters:
 IGMP Query Interval (1/10 secs): 1250
 IGMP Query Response Interval (1/10 secs): 100
 IGMP Last Member Query Interval (1/10 secs): 10
 IGMP Robustness Count: 2

Derived Parameters:
 IGMP Membership Timeout (1/10 secs): 2600
 IGMP Other Querier Present Timeout (1/10 secs): 2550

Display the PIM State

To show the PIM state on Router 2 and Router 3 (the upstream routers), use the command `show pim join extensive`:

```
user@router2>show pim join extensive
232.1.1.1      10.4.1.2      sparse
  Upstream interface: fe-1/1/3.0
  Upstream State: Local Source
  Keepalive timeout: 209
  Downstream Neighbors:
    Interface: so-1/0/2.0
      10.10.71.1      State: Join   Flags: S     Timeout: 209
```

To show the PIM state on Router 1 (the router connected to the receiver), use the command `show pim join extensive`:

```
user@router1>show pim join extensive
232.1.1.1      10.4.1.2      sparse
  Upstream interface: so-1/0/2.0
  Upstream State: Join to Source
  Keepalive timeout: 209
  Downstream Neighbors:
    Interface: fe-0/2/3.0
      10.3.1.1        State: Join   Flags: S     Timeout: Infinity
```

Source-Specific Multicast Groups Statement

To configure source-specific multicast groups, you include the `ssm-groups` statement at the [edit routing-options multicast] hierarchy level.

ssm-groups

Syntax	<code>ssm-groups { <i>address</i>; }</code>
Hierarchy Level	[edit routing-options multicast], [edit routing-instances <i>routing-instance-name</i> routing-options multicast]
Description	Configure additional SSM groups.
Options	<i>address</i> —Address range of the additional SSM group.
Usage Guidelines	See “Source-Specific Multicast Groups Overview” on page 84.
Required Privilege Level	routing—To view this statement in the configuration. routing-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

