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# DHCP Relay Agent Feature Guide for MX Series Routers



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## Supported Platforms

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For the features described in this document, the following platforms are supported:

- MX Series

## Using the Examples in This Manual

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If you want to use the examples in this manual, you can use the **load merge** or the **load merge relative** command. These commands cause the software to merge the incoming configuration into the current candidate configuration. The example does not become active until you commit the candidate configuration.

If the example configuration contains the top level of the hierarchy (or multiple hierarchies), the example is a *full example*. In this case, use the **load merge** command.

If the example configuration does not start at the top level of the hierarchy, the example is a *snippet*. In this case, use the **load merge relative** command. These procedures are described in the following sections.

## Merging a Full Example

To merge a full example, follow these steps:

1. From the HTML or PDF version of the manual, copy a configuration example into a text file, save the file with a name, and copy the file to a directory on your routing platform.

For example, copy the following configuration to a file and name the file **ex-script.conf**. Copy the **ex-script.conf** file to the **/var/tmp** directory on your routing platform.

```
system {
  scripts {
    commit {
      file ex-script.xml;
    }
  }
}
interfaces {
  fxp0 {
    disable;
    unit 0 {
      family inet {
        address 10.0.0.1/24;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

2. Merge the contents of the file into your routing platform configuration by issuing the **load merge** configuration mode command:

```
[edit]
user@host# load merge /var/tmp/ex-script.conf
load complete
```

## Merging a Snippet

To merge a snippet, follow these steps:

1. From the HTML or PDF version of the manual, copy a configuration snippet into a text file, save the file with a name, and copy the file to a directory on your routing platform.

For example, copy the following snippet to a file and name the file **ex-script-snippet.conf**. Copy the **ex-script-snippet.conf** file to the **/var/tmp** directory on your routing platform.

```
commit {
  file ex-script-snippet.xml; }
```

2. Move to the hierarchy level that is relevant for this snippet by issuing the following configuration mode command:



```
[edit]
user@host# edit system scripts
[edit system scripts]
```

3. Merge the contents of the file into your routing platform configuration by issuing the **load merge relative** configuration mode command:

```
[edit system scripts]
user@host# load merge relative /var/tmp/ex-script-snippet.conf
load complete
```

For more information about the **load** command, see the *CLI User Guide*.

## Documentation Conventions

Table 1 on page ix defines notice icons used in this guide.

Table 1: Notice Icons

Icon	Meaning	Description
	Informational note	Indicates important features or instructions.
	Caution	Indicates a situation that might result in loss of data or hardware damage.
	Warning	Alerts you to the risk of personal injury or death.
	Laser warning	Alerts you to the risk of personal injury from a laser.

Table 2 on page ix defines the text and syntax conventions used in this guide.

Table 2: Text and Syntax Conventions

Convention	Description	Examples
<b>Bold text like this</b>	Represents text that you type.	To enter configuration mode, type the <b>configure</b> command:  user@host> <b>configure</b>
Fixed-width text like this	Represents output that appears on the terminal screen.	user@host> <b>show chassis alarms</b>  No alarms currently active

Table 2: Text and Syntax Conventions (*continued*)

Convention	Description	Examples
<i>Italic text like this</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduces or emphasizes important new terms.</li> <li>Identifies book names.</li> <li>Identifies RFC and Internet draft titles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A policy <i>term</i> is a named structure that defines match conditions and actions.</li> <li><i>Junos OS System Basics Configuration Guide</i></li> <li>RFC 1997, <i>BGP Communities Attribute</i></li> </ul>
<i>Italic text like this</i>	Represents variables (options for which you substitute a value) in commands or configuration statements.	Configure the machine's domain name:  [edit] root@# <b>set system domain-name</b> <i>domain-name</i>
<b>Text like this</b>	Represents names of configuration statements, commands, files, and directories; configuration hierarchy levels; or labels on routing platform components.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To configure a stub area, include the <b>stub</b> statement at the [edit protocols ospf area area-id] hierarchy level.</li> <li>The console port is labeled <b>CONSOLE</b>.</li> </ul>
< > (angle brackets)	Enclose optional keywords or variables.	<b>stub &lt;default-metric metric&gt;;</b>
(pipe symbol)	Indicates a choice between the mutually exclusive keywords or variables on either side of the symbol. The set of choices is often enclosed in parentheses for clarity.	<b>broadcast   multicast</b>  <i>(string1   string2   string3)</i>
# (pound sign)	Indicates a comment specified on the same line as the configuration statement to which it applies.	<b>rsvp { # Required for dynamic MPLS only</b>
[ ] (square brackets)	Enclose a variable for which you can substitute one or more values.	<b>community name members [ community-ids ]</b>
Indentation and braces ( { } )	Identify a level in the configuration hierarchy.	[edit] routing-options { static { route default { nexthop <i>address</i> ; retain; } } }
;(semicolon)	Identifies a leaf statement at a configuration hierarchy level.	
<b>GUI Conventions</b>		
<b>Bold text like this</b>	Represents graphical user interface (GUI) items you click or select.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the Logical Interfaces box, select <b>All Interfaces</b>.</li> <li>To cancel the configuration, click <b>Cancel</b>.</li> </ul>
> (bold right angle bracket)	Separates levels in a hierarchy of menu selections.	In the configuration editor hierarchy, select <b>Protocols&gt;Ospf</b> .

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For international or direct-dial options in countries without toll-free numbers, see <http://www.juniper.net/support/requesting-support.html>.

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## CHAPTER 1

# DHCP Relay Agent

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### MX Series Router as a Layer 2 DHCP Relay Agent

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The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is used by a DHCP client (host) to determine Layer 3 information (such as an IP address) from a DHCP server. DHCP uses the client's MAC (Layer 2) address to query the server. A router can be used as a DHCP relay agent to pass the query on to a server while the router appears to reply to the client. You can configure a Juniper Networks MX Series Ethernet Services Router to act as a DHCP relay agent. The MX Series router configuration at Layer 2 accesses the Layer 3 information with DHCP snooping.

DHCP servers and relay agents have a level of trust in the MAC addresses used in DHCP client queries. A hacker can spoof invalid MAC addresses and overwhelm the server or relay agent with flooded traffic. Or the hacker can try to determine other information, such as the IP address range used by devices on the network. The DHCP process should only trust MAC addresses that are valid for a particular network.

You can configure the MX Series router to use MAC addresses obtained by the Layer 2 address learning process to control the flooding of DHCP packets.

Several restrictions apply to DHCP configuration on the MX Series routers:

- All statements referring to "option 82" (including circuit information in DHCP relay messages) are not supported on the MX Series routers.
- This feature works for static IP/MAC bindings on the MX Series routers.
- The DHCP snooping database table is not restored after a Routing Engine reboot.
- The DHCP Discover message is not flooded to the DHCP server when broadband service aggregator (BSA) and broadband service router (BSR) are provisioned on the same switch.

For more information on configuring DHCP, see the *Junos OS Subscriber Management and Services Library*.

#### Related Documentation

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### Example: Configuring DHCP Relay in a Bridge Domain VLAN Environment

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The following example configures DHCP relay in a VPLS environment to trust only the MAC addresses learned on the listed interfaces.



**NOTE:** This is not a complete router configuration.

```
[edit]
routing-instances {
  classic-vpls {
    instance-type vpls;
    interface ge-1/1/1.0;
    interface ge-1/1/2.0;
    interface ge-1/1/3.0;
    interface ge-1/1/4.0;
    interface ge-1/1/5.0;
    vlan-id 20;
    forwarding-options {
      dhcp-relay { # Here is where DHCP is configured.
        group vlan-20-bridge {
          interface ge-1/1/1.0;
          interface ge-1/1/2.0;
          interface ge-1/1/3.0;
          interface ge-1/1/4.0;
          interface ge-1/1/5.0;
        }
      }
    }
    protocol vpls {
      site-id 567;
      # Other VPLS configuration statements...
    }
  }
}
```

Only MAC addresses learned on the five listed Gigabit Ethernet interfaces will be trusted for DHCP relay purposes.

For more information on configuring DHCP, see the *Junos OS Subscriber Management and Services Library*.

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## Example: Configuring DHCP Relay in a VPLS Routing Instance Environment

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The following example configures DHCP relay in a bridge domain (VLAN) environment. The MX Series router will trust only the MAC addresses learned on the listed interfaces.



**NOTE:** This is not a complete router configuration.

The router has three interfaces: two interfaces (**ge-2/2/4** and **ge-2/2/6**) using VLAN 100 for the DHCP clients, and one (**xe-9/2/0**) leading to the DHCP server. The router performs the DHCP snooping (relay) function.

**Configure the  
Interfaces**

```
[edit interfaces]
ge-2/2/4 {
  encapsulation ethernet-bridge;
  unit 0 {
    family bridge {
      interface-mode access;
      vlan-id 100;
    }
  }
}
ge-2/2/6 {
  encapsulation ethernet-bridge;
  unit 0 {
    family bridge {
      interface-mode access;
      vlan-id 100;
    }
  }
}
xe-9/2/0 {
  unit 0 {
    family bridge {
      interface-mode access;
      vlan-id 100;
    }
  }
}
```

### Configure the Routing Instance (Virtual Switch)

```
[edit routing-instances]
vs1 {
  instance-type virtual-switch;
  interface ge-2/2/4.0;
  interface ge-2/2/6.0;
  interface xe-9/2/0;
  bridge-domains {
    bd1 {
      domain-type bridge;
      vlan-id 100;
      forwarding-options {
        dhcp-relay { # DHCP snooping
          group hdhcp {
            interface ge-2/2/4.0;
            interface ge-2/2/6.0;
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

You verify your configuration by using two related commands:

- `show dhcp relay binding routing-instance vs1 bridge-domains bd1`
- `show dhcp relay binding routing-instance vs1 bridge-domains bd1 detail`

```
user@router1> show dhcp relay binding routing-instance vs1 bridge-domains bd1
2 clients, (2 bound, 0 selecting, 0 renewing, 0 rebinding)
IP address   Hardware address   Type   Lease expires at
192.168.1.1  00:00:00:42:a8:e3  active 2008-12-12 15:56:04 PST
192.168.1.2  00:00:00:42:a8:e4  active 2008-12-12 15:56:10 PST
```

```
user@router1> show dhcp relay binding routing-instance vs1 bridge-domains bd1 detail
2 clients, (2 bound, 0 selecting, 0 renewing, 0 rebinding)
Clients bindings information:
IP address       : 192.168.1.1
Hardware address  : 00:00:00:42:a8:e3
Type             : active
Lease expires at : 2008-12-12 15:56:04 PST
State            : bound
interface        : ge-2/2/6.0
IP address       : 192.168.1.2
Hardware address  : 00:00:00:42:a8:e4
Type             : active
Lease expires at : 2008-12-12 15:56:10 PST
State            : bound
interface        : ge-2/2/4.0
```

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