

# Network Configuration Example

## Configuring Bidirectional PIM



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## Introduction

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This document describes bidirectional PIM (PIM-Bidir), identifies what it is used for, and provides step-by-step instructions on how to configure it with static rendezvous points. It also explains how to verify that Bidirectional PIM is working.

## Bidirectional PIM Applications

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Bidirectional Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM-Bidir) is one of the Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) protocols. It provides an alternative to other PIM modes. Bidirectional PIM is designed to support *many-to-many* multicast applications within a single PIM domain.

Bidirectional PIM has several key advantages over a PIM sparse mode deployment:

- It reduces the amount of state which a router must store.
- It scales very well when there are many sources for each group.
- It can scale to an arbitrary number of sources.
- It provides better support for intermittent sources.
- It is a less complicated protocol.
- It does not rely on data triggered events such as:
  - Source registration
  - Shortest-path tree switchover
- The rendezvous point can be configured as an address that is not assigned to any particular device.

Bidirectional PIM is used by large content providers to support:

- Video conferencing
- Financial applications
- Distributing product and customer data between servers in a large network of datacenters
- Distributed inventory polling
- Online gaming

### Related Documentation

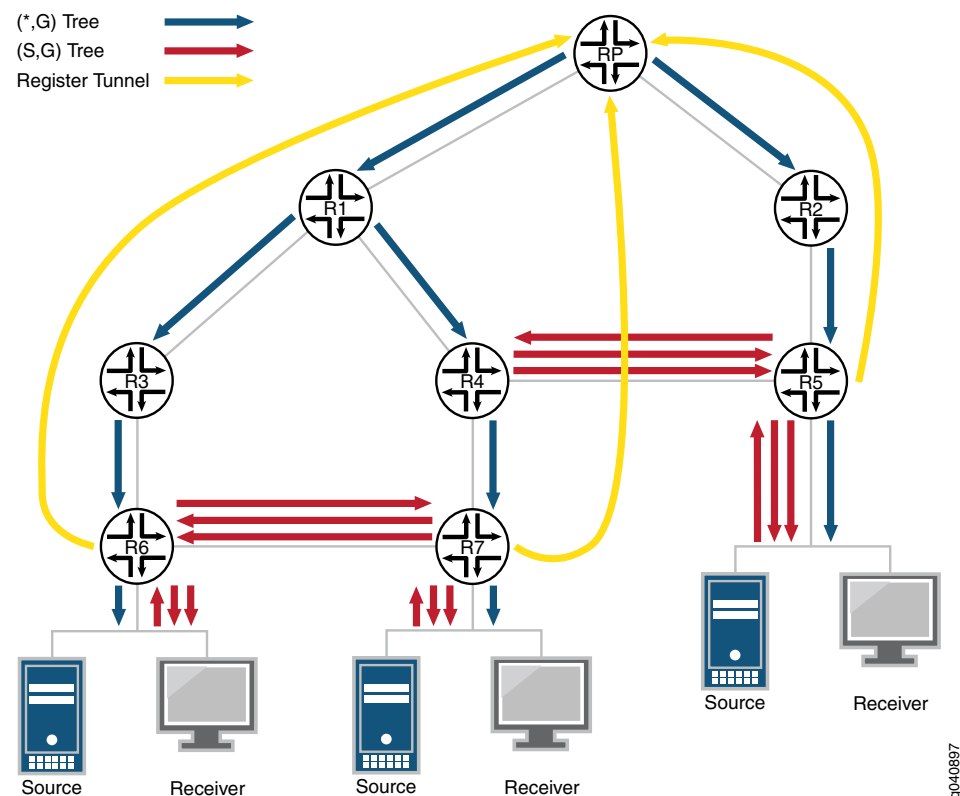
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## Understanding Bidirectional PIM

Bidirectional PIM (PIM-Bidir) is specified by the IETF in RFC 5015, *Bidirectional Protocol Independent Multicast (BIDIR-PIM)*. It provides an alternative to other PIM modes, such as PIM sparse mode (PIM-SM), PIM dense mode (PIM-DM), and PIM source-specific multicast (SSM). In bidirectional PIM, multicast groups are carried across the network over bidirectional shared trees. This type of tree minimizes the amount of PIM routing state information that must be maintained, which is especially important in networks with numerous and dispersed senders and receivers. For example, one important application for bidirectional PIM is distributed inventory polling. In many-to-many applications, a multicast query from one station generates multicast responses from many stations. For each multicast group, such an application generates a large number of (S,G) routes for each station in PIM-SM, PIM-DM, or SSM. The problem is even worse in applications that use bursty sources, resulting in frequently changing multicast tables and, therefore, performance problems in routers.

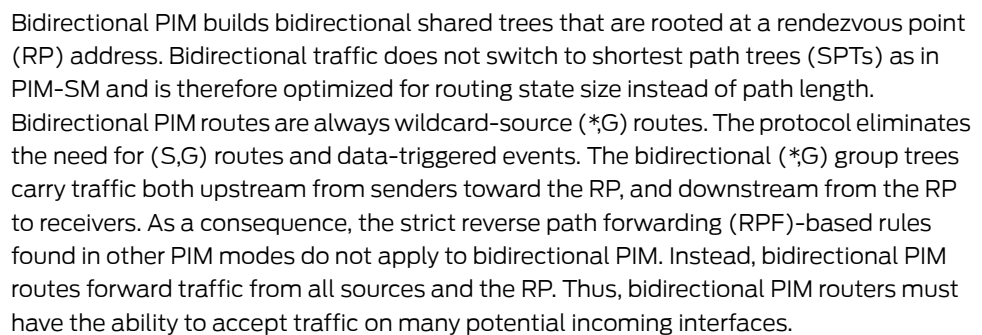
Figure 1 on page 2 shows the traffic flows generated to deliver traffic for one group to and from three stations in a PIM-SM network.

Figure 1: Example PIM Sparse-Mode Tree



Bidirectional PIM solves this problem by building only group-specific (\*,G) state. Thus, only a single (\*,G) route is needed for each group to deliver traffic to and from all the sources.

### Figure 2: Example Bidirectional PIM Tree



To prevent forwarding loops, only one router on each link or subnet (including point-to-point links) is a designated forwarder (DF). The responsibilities of the DF are to forward downstream traffic onto the link toward the receivers and to forward upstream traffic from the link toward the RP address. Bidirectional PIM relies on a process called DF election to choose the DF router for each interface and for each RP address. Each bidirectional PIM router in a subnet advertises its interior gateway protocol (IGP) unicast route to the RP address. The router with the best IGP unicast route to the RP address

wins the DF election. Each router advertises its IGP route metrics in DF Offer, Winner, Backoff, and Pass messages.

Junos OS implements the DF election procedures as stated in RFC 5015, except that Junos OS checks RP unicast reachability before accepting incoming DF messages. DF messages for unreachable rendezvous points are ignored.

## Bidirectional PIM Modes

In the Junos OS implementation, there are two modes for bidirectional PIM: **bidirectional-sparse** and **bidirectional-sparse-dense**. The differences between **bidirectional-sparse** and **bidirectional-sparse-dense** modes are the same as the differences between **sparse** mode and **sparse-dense** mode. **Sparse-dense** mode allows the interface to operate on a per-group basis in either **sparse** or **dense** mode. A group specified as “**dense**” is not mapped to an RP. Use **bidirectional-sparse-dense** mode when you have a mix of bidirectional groups, **sparse** groups, and **dense** groups in your network. One typical scenario for this is the use of **auto-RP**, which uses **dense-mode** flooding to bootstrap itself for **sparse** mode or **bidirectional** mode. In general, the **dense** groups could be for any flows that the network design requires to be flooded.

Each group-to-RP mapping is controlled by the RP **group-ranges** statement and the **ssm-groups** statement.

The choice of PIM mode is closely tied to controlling how groups are mapped to PIM modes, as follows:

- **bidirectional-sparse**—Use if all multicast groups are operating in **bidirectional**, **sparse**, or **SSM** mode.
- **bidirectional-sparse-dense**—Use if multicast groups, except those that are specified in the **dense-groups** statement, are operating in **bidirectional**, **sparse**, or **SSM** mode.

## Bidirectional Rendezvous Points

You can configure group-range-to-RP mappings network-wide statically, or only on routers connected to the RP addresses and advertise them dynamically. Unlike rendezvous points for PIM-SM, which must de-encapsulate PIM Register messages and perform other specific protocol actions, **bidirectional** PIM rendezvous points implement no specific functionality. RP addresses are simply locations in the network to rendezvous toward. In fact, RP addresses need not be loopback interface addresses or even be addresses configured on any router, as long as they are covered by a subnet that is connected to a **bidirectional** PIM-capable router and advertised to the network.

Thus, for **bidirectional** PIM, there is no meaningful distinction between static and local RP addresses. Therefore, **bidirectional** PIM rendezvous points are configured at the **[edit protocols pim rp bidirectional]** hierarchy level, not under **static** or **local**.

The settings at the **[edit protocol pim rp bidirectional]** hierarchy level function like the settings at the **[edit protocols pim rp local]** hierarchy level, except that they create **bidirectional** PIM RP state instead of PIM-SM RP state.



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Where only a single local RP can be configured, multiple bidirectional rendezvous points can be configured having group ranges that are the same, different, or overlapping. It is also permissible for a group range or RP address to be configured as bidirectional and either static or local for sparse-mode.

If a bidirectional PIM RP is configured without a group range, the default group range is 224/4 for IPv4. For IPv6, the default is ff00::/8. You can configure a bidirectional PIM RP group range to cover an SSM group range, but in that case the SSM or DM group range takes precedence over the bidirectional PIM RP configuration for those groups. In other words, because SSM always takes precedence, it is not permitted to have a bidirectional group range equal to or more specific than an SSM or DM group range.

## PIM Bootstrap and Auto-RP Support

Group ranges for the specified RP address are flagged by PIM as bidirectional PIM group-to-RP mappings and, if configured, are advertised using PIM bootstrap or auto-RP. Dynamic advertisement of bidirectional PIM-flagged group-to-RP mappings using PIM bootstrap, and auto-RP is controlled as normal using the **bootstrap** and **auto-rp** statements.

Bidirectional PIM RP addresses configured at the **[edit protocols pim rp bidirectional address]** hierarchy level are advertised by auto-RP or PIM bootstrap if the following prerequisites are met:

- The routing instance must be configured to advertise candidate rendezvous points by way of auto-RP or PIM bootstrap, and an auto-RP mapping agent or bootstrap router, respectively, must be elected.
- The RP address must either be configured locally on an interface in the routing instance, or the RP address must belong to a subnet connected to an interface in the routing instance.

## IGMP and MLD Support

Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) version 1, version 2, and version 3 are supported with bidirectional PIM. Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) version 1 and version 2 are supported with bidirectional PIM. However, in all cases, only anysource multicast (ASM) state is supported for bidirectional PIM membership.

The following rules apply to bidirectional PIM:

- IGMP and MLD (\*,G) membership reports trigger the PIM DF to originate bidirectional PIM (\*,G) join messages.
- IGMP and MLD (S,G) membership reports do not trigger the PIM DF to originate bidirectional PIM (\*,G) join messages.

## Bidirectional PIM and Graceful Restart

Bidirectional PIM accepts packets for a bidirectional route on multiple interfaces. This means that some topologies might develop multicast routing loops if all PIM neighbors are not synchronized with regard to the identity of the designated forwarder (DF) on each

link. If one router is forwarding without actively participating in DF elections, particularly after unicast routing changes, multicast routing loops might occur.

If graceful restart for PIM is enabled and bidirectional PIM is enabled, the default graceful restart behavior is to continue forwarding packets on bidirectional routes. If the gracefully restarting router was serving as a DF for some interfaces to rendezvous points, the restarting router sends a DF Winner message with a metric of 0 on each of these RP interfaces. This ensures that a neighbor router does not become the DF due to unicast topology changes that might occur during the graceful restart period. Sending a DF Winner message with a metric of 0 prevents another PIM neighbor from assuming the DF role until after graceful restart completes. When graceful restart completes, the gracefully restarted router sends another DF Winner message with the actual converged unicast metric.

The **no-bidirectional-mode** statement at the **[edit protocols pim graceful-restart]** hierarchy level overrides the default behavior and disables forwarding for bidirectional PIM routes during graceful restart recovery, both in cases of simple routing protocol process (rpd) restart and graceful Routing Engine switchover. This configuration statement provides a very conservative alternative to the default graceful restart behavior for bidirectional PIM routes. The reason to discontinue forwarding of packets on bidirectional routes is that the continuation of forwarding might lead to short-duration multicast loops in rare double-failure circumstances.

## Junos OS Enhancements to Bidirectional PIM

In addition to the functionality specified in RFC 5015, the following functions are included in the Junos OS implementation of bidirectional PIM:

- Source-only branches without PIM join state
- Support for both IPv4 and IPv6 domain and multicast addresses
- Nonstop routing (NSR) for bidirectional PIM routes



**NOTE:** PTX5000 routers do not support nonstop active routing in Junos OS Release 13.3.

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- Support for bidirectional PIM in logical systems
- Support for non-forwarding and virtual router instances

The following caveats are applicable for the bidirectional PIM configuration on the PTX5000:

- PTX5000 routers can be configured both as a bidirectional PIM rendezvous point and the source node.
- For PTX5000 routers, you can configure the **auto-rp** statement at the **[edit protocols pim rp]** or the **[edit routing-instances routing-instance-name protocols pim rp]** hierarchy level with the **mapping** option, but not the **announce** option.

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## Limitations of Bidirectional PIM

The Junos OS implementation of bidirectional PIM does not support the following functionality:

- SNMP for bidirectional PIM.
- Graceful Routing Engine switchover is configurable with bidirectional PIM enabled, but bidirectional routes do not forward packets during the switchover.
- Multicast VPNs (Draft Rosen and NextGen).



**NOTE:** Starting with Release 12.2, Junos OS extends the nonstop active routing PIM support to draft-rosen MVPNs. Nonstop active routing PIM support for draft-rosen MVPNs enables nonstop active routing-enabled devices to preserve draft-rosen MPVN-related information—such as default and data MDT states—across switchovers. In releases earlier than Release 12.2, nonstop active routing PIM configuration was incompatible with draft-rosen MPVN configuration.

- PTX5000 routers do not support nonstop active routing in Junos OS Release 13.3.
- PTX5000 routers do not support in-service software upgrade (ISSU) in Junos OS Release 13.3.

The bidirectional PIM protocol does not support the following functionality:

- Embedded RP
- Anycast RP

### Related Documentation

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## Example: Configuring Bidirectional PIM

This example shows how to configure bidirectional PIM, as specified in RFC 5015, *Bidirectional Protocol Independent Multicast (BIDIR-PIM)*.

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## Requirements

This example uses the following hardware and software components:

- Eight Juniper Networks routers that can be M120, M320, MX Series, T Series, or PTX5000 routers. To support bidirectional PIM, M Series platforms must have I-chip FPCs. M7i, M10i, M40e, and other older M Series routers do not support bidirectional PIM.
- Junos OS Release 12.1 or later running on all M120, M320, MX Series, or T Series routers, and Junos OS Release 13.3 or later running on PTX5000 routers.



**NOTE:** This configuration example has been tested using the software release listed and is assumed to work on all later releases.

## Overview

Compared to PIM sparse mode, bidirectional PIM requires less PIM router state information. Because less state information is required, bidirectional PIM scales well and is useful in deployments with many dispersed sources and receivers.

In this example, two rendezvous points are configured statically. One RP is configured as a phantom RP. A phantom RP is an RP address that is a valid address on a subnet, but is not assigned to a PIM router interface. The subnet must be reachable by the bidirectional PIM routers in the network. For the other (non-phantom) RP in this example, the RP address is assigned to a PIM router interface. It can be assigned to either the loopback interface or any physical interface on the router. In this example, it is assigned to a physical interface.

OSPF is used as the interior gateway protocol (IGP) in this example. The OSPF metric determines the designated forwarder (DF) election process. In bidirectional PIM, the DF establishes a loop-free shortest-path tree that is rooted at the RP. On every network segment and point-to-point link, all PIM routers participate in DF election. The procedure selects one router as the DF for every RP of bidirectional groups. This router forwards multicast packets received on that network upstream to the RP. The DF election uses the same tie-break rules used by PIM assert processes.

This example uses the default DF election parameters. Optionally, at the **[edit protocols pim interface *interface-name* | all] bidirectional** hierarchy level, you can configure the following parameters related to the DF election:

- The robustness-count is the minimum number of DF election messages that must be lost for election to fail.
- The offer period is the interval to wait between repeated DF Offer and Winner messages.
- The backoff period is the period that the acting DF waits between receiving a better DF Offer and sending the Pass message to transfer DF responsibility.

This example uses bidirectional-sparse-dense mode on the interfaces. The choice of PIM mode is closely tied to controlling how groups are mapped to PIM modes, as follows:

- **bidirectional-sparse**—Use if all multicast groups are operating in bidirectional, sparse, or SSM mode.



```
set interfaces xe-2/1/0 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.2.1/24
set interfaces lo0 unit 0 family inet address 10.255.11.11/32
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-0/0/1.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface xe-2/1/0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface lo0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface fxp0.0 disable
set protocols pim traceoptions file df
set protocols pim traceoptions flag bidirectional-df-election detail
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 224.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 225.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 224.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 225.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim interface ge-0/0/1.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface xe-2/1/0.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
```

**Router R2**

```
set interfaces ge-2/0/0 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.4.1/24
set interfaces ge-2/2/2 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.1.2/24
set interfaces lo0 unit 0 family inet address 10.255.22.22/32
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface fxp0.0 disable
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-2/2/2.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface lo0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-2/0/0.0
set protocols pim traceoptions file df
set protocols pim traceoptions flag bidirectional-df-election detail
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 224.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 225.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 225.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 224.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim interface fxp0.0 disable
set protocols pim interface ge-2/0/0.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface ge-2/2/2.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
```

**Router R3**

```
set interfaces xe-1/0/0 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.9.1/24
set interfaces xe-1/0/1 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.2.2/24
set interfaces lo0 unit 0 family inet address 10.255.33.33/32
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface xe-1/0/1.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface lo0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface fxp0.0 disable
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface xe-1/0/0.0
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 224.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 225.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 224.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 225.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim interface xe-1/0/1.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface xe-1/0/0.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
```

**Router R4**

```
set interfaces ge-1/2/7 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.4.2/24
set interfaces ge-1/2/8 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.5.2/24
set interfaces xe-2/0/0 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.10.2/24
set interfaces lo0 unit 0 family inet address 10.255.44.44/32
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface lo0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-1/2/7.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-1/2/8.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface xe-2/0/0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface fxp0.0 disable
```

```

set protocols pim traceoptions file df
set protocols pim traceoptions flag bidirectional-df-election detail
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 224.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 225.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 224.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 225.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim interface xe-2/0/0.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface ge-1/2/7.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface ge-1/2/8.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense

```

Router R5

```

set interfaces ge-0/0/3 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.12.3/24
set interfaces ge-0/0/4 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.4.3/24
set interfaces ge-0/0/7 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.5.3/24
set interfaces so-1/0/0 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.7.1/30
set interfaces lo0 unit 0 family inet address 10.255.55.55/32
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface lo0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface fxp0.0 disable
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-0/0/7.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-0/0/4.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface so-1/0/0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-0/0/3.0
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 224.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 225.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 224.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 225.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim interface ge-0/0/7.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface ge-0/0/4.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface so-1/0/0.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface ge-0/0/3.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense

```

Router R6

```

set interfaces xe-0/0/0 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.10.3/24
set interfaces ge-2/0/0 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.13.2/24
set interfaces lo0 unit 0 family inet address 10.255.66.66/32
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface lo0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-2/0/0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface xe-0/0/0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface fxp0.0 disable
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 224.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 225.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 224.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 225.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim interface fxp0.0 disable
set protocols pim interface xe-0/0/0.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface ge-2/0/0.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense

```

Router R7

```

set interfaces ge-0/1/5 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.13.3/24
set interfaces ge-0/1/7 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.12.2/24
set interfaces lo0 unit 0 family inet address 10.255.77.77/32
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface fxp0.0 disable
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-0/1/5.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface ge-0/1/7.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface lo0.0
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 224.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 225.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 224.1.3.0/24

```

```
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 225.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim interface ge-0/1/5.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface ge-0/1/7.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
```

**Router R8**

```
set interfaces so-0/0/0 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.7.2/30
set interfaces xe-2/0/0 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.9.2/24
set interfaces lo0 unit 0 family inet address 10.255.88.88/32
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface fxp0.0 disable
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface xe-2/0/0.0
set protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0 interface so-0/0/0.0
set protocols pim traceoptions file df
set protocols pim traceoptions flag bidirectional-df-election detail
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 224.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 225.1.1.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 224.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim rp bidirectional address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 225.1.3.0/24
set protocols pim interface xe-2/0/0.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
set protocols pim interface so-0/0/0.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense
```

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### Router R1

**Step-by-Step Procedure** To configure Router R1:

1. Configure the router interfaces.  
  
[edit interfaces]  
user@R1# set ge-0/0/1 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.1.1/24  
user@R1# set xe-2/1/0 unit 0 family inet address 10.10.2.1/24  
user@R1# set lo0 unit 0 family inet address 10.255.11.11/32
2. Configure OSPF on the interfaces.  
  
[edit protocols ospf area 0.0.0.0]  
user@R1# set interface ge-0/0/1.0  
user@R1# set interface xe-2/1/0.0  
user@R1# set interface lo0.0  
user@R1# set interface fxp0.0 disable
3. Configure the group-to-RP mappings.  
  
[edit protocols pim rp bidirectional]  
user@R1# set address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 224.1.3.0/24  
user@R1# set address 10.10.1.3 group-ranges 225.1.3.0/24  
user@R1# set address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 224.1.1.0/24  
user@R1# set address 10.10.13.2 group-ranges 225.1.1.0/24

The RP represented by IP address 10.10.1.3 is a phantom RP. The 10.10.1.3 address is not assigned to any interface on any of the routers in the topology. It is, however, a reachable address. It is in the subnet between Routers R1 and R2.

The RP represented by address 10.10.13.2 is assigned to the **ge-2/0/0** interface on Router R6.

4. Enable bidirectional PIM on the interfaces.  
  
[edit protocols pim]  
user@R1# set interface ge-0/0/1.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense  
user@R1# set interface xe-2/1/0.0 mode bidirectional-sparse-dense



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- (Optional) Configure tracing operations for the DF election process.

```
[edit protocols pim]
user@R1# set traceoptions file df
user@R1# set traceoptions flag bidirectional-df-election detail
```

## Results

---

From configuration mode, confirm your configuration by entering the **show interfaces** and **show protocols** commands. If the output does not display the intended configuration, repeat the instructions in this example to correct the configuration.

```
user@R1# show interfaces
ge-0/0/1 {
  unit 0 {
    family inet {
      address 10.10.1.1/24;
    }
  }
}
xe-2/1/0 {
  unit 0 {
    family inet {
      address 10.10.2.1/24;
    }
  }
}
lo0 {
  unit 0 {
    family inet {
      address 10.255.11.11/32;
    }
  }
}

user@R1# show protocols
ospf {
  area 0.0.0.0 {
    interface ge-0/0/1.0;
    interface xe-2/1/0.0;
    interface lo0.0;
    interface fxp0.0 {
      disable;
    }
  }
}
pim {
  rp {
    bidirectional {
      address 10.10.1.3 { # phantom RP
        group-ranges {
          224.1.3.0/24;
          225.1.3.0/24;
        }
      }
    }
    address 10.10.13.2 {
```

```
        group-ranges {
            224.1.1.0/24;
            225.1.1.0/24;
        }
    }
}
interface ge-0/0/1.0 {
    mode bidirectional-sparse-dense;
}
interface xe-2/1/0.0 {
    mode bidirectional-sparse-dense;
}
traceoptions {
    file df;
    flag bidirectional-df-election detail;
}
}
```

If you are done configuring the router, enter **commit** from configuration mode.

Repeat the procedure for every Juniper Networks router in the bidirectional PIM network, using the appropriate interface names and addresses for each router.

## Verification

Confirm that the configuration is working properly.

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### Verifying Rendezvous Points

**Purpose** Verify the group-to-RP mapping information.

---

**Action** user@R1> show pim rps  
Instance: PIM.master  
Address family INET

RP address	Type	Mode	Holdtime	Timeout	Groups	Group prefixes
10.10.1.3	static	bidir	150	None	2	224.1.3.0/24 225.1.3.0/24
10.10.13.2	static	bidir	150	None	2	224.1.1.0/24 225.1.1.0/24

### Verifying Messages

---

**Purpose** Check the number of DF election messages sent and received, and check bidirectional join and prune error statistics.

**Action** user@R1> show pim statistics

PIM Message type	Received	Sent	Rx errors
V2 Hello	16	34	0
...			
V2 DF Election	18	38	0
...			

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...

Rx Bidir Join/Prune on non-Bidir if	0
Rx Bidir Join/Prune on non-DF if	0

### Checking the PIM Join State

---

**Purpose** Confirm the upstream interface, neighbor, and state information.

**Action** user@R1> show pim join extensive  
Instance: PIM.master Family: INET  
R = Rendezvous Point Tree, S = Sparse, W = Wildcard

```
Group: 224.1.1.0
  Bidirectional group prefix length: 24
  Source: *
  RP: 10.10.13.2
  Flags: bidirectional,rptree,wildcard
  Upstream interface: ge-0/0/1.0
  Upstream neighbor: 10.10.1.2
  Upstream state: None
  Bidirectional accepting interfaces:
    Interface: ge-0/0/1.0    (RPF)
    Interface: lo0.0        (DF Winner)
```

```
Group: 224.1.3.0
  Bidirectional group prefix length: 24
  Source: *
  RP: 10.10.1.3
  Flags: bidirectional,rptree,wildcard
  Upstream interface: ge-0/0/1.0 (RP Link)
  Upstream neighbor: Direct
  Upstream state: Local RP
  Bidirectional accepting interfaces:
    Interface: ge-0/0/1.0    (RPF)
    Interface: lo0.0        (DF Winner)
    Interface: xe-2/1/0.0    (DF Winner)
```

```
Group: 225.1.1.0
  Bidirectional group prefix length: 24
  Source: *
  RP: 10.10.13.2
  Flags: bidirectional,rptree,wildcard
  Upstream interface: ge-0/0/1.0
  Upstream neighbor: 10.10.1.2
  Upstream state: None
  Bidirectional accepting interfaces:
    Interface: ge-0/0/1.0    (RPF)
    Interface: lo0.0        (DF Winner)
```

```
Group: 225.1.3.0
  Bidirectional group prefix length: 24
  Source: *
  RP: 10.10.1.3
  Flags: bidirectional,rptree,wildcard
  Upstream interface: ge-0/0/1.0 (RP Link)
  Upstream neighbor: Direct
  Upstream state: Local RP
  Bidirectional accepting interfaces:
    Interface: ge-0/0/1.0    (RPF)
    Interface: lo0.0        (DF Winner)
    Interface: xe-2/1/0.0    (DF Winner)
```

**Meaning** The output shows a (\*G-range) entry for each active bidirectional RP group range. These entries provide a hierarchy from which the individual (\*G) routes inherit RP-derived state (upstream information and accepting interfaces). These entries also provide the control plane basis for the (\*, G-range) forwarding routes that implement the sender-only branches of the tree.

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### Displaying the Designated Forwarder

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**Purpose** Display RP address information and confirm the DF elected.

**Action** user@R1> show pim bidirectional df-election  
Instance: PIM.master Family: INET

RPA: 10.10.1.3  
Group ranges: 224.1.3.0/24, 225.1.3.0/24  
Interfaces:

ge-0/0/1.0	(RPL)	DF: none
lo0.0	(Win)	DF: 10.255.179.246
xe-2/1/0.0	(Win)	DF: 10.10.2.1

RPA: 10.10.13.2  
Group ranges: 224.1.1.0/24, 225.1.1.0/24  
Interfaces:

ge-0/0/1.0	(Lose)	DF: 10.10.1.2
lo0.0	(Win)	DF: 10.255.179.246
xe-2/1/0.0	(Lose)	DF: 10.10.2.2

### Displaying the PIM Interfaces

---

**Purpose** Verify that the PIM interfaces have bidirectional-sparse-dense (SDB) mode assigned.

**Action** user@R1> show pim interfaces  
Instance: PIM.master

Stat = Status, V = Version, NbrCnt = Neighbor Count,  
S = Sparse, D = Dense, B = Bidirectional,  
DR = Designated Router, P2P = Point-to-point link,  
Active = Bidirectional is active, NotCap = Not Bidirectional Capable

Name	Stat	Mode	IP	V	State	NbrCnt	JoinCnt(sg/*g)	DR	address
ge-0/0/1.0	Up	SDB	4	2	NotDR,Active	1	0/0		10.10.1.2
lo0.0	Up	SDB	4	2	DR,Active	0	9901/100		10.255.179.246
xe-2/1/0.0	Up	SDB	4	2	NotDR,Active	1	0/0		10.10.2.2

### Checking the PIM Neighbors

---

**Purpose** Check that the router detects that its neighbors are enabled for bidirectional PIM by verifying that the **B** option is displayed.

**Action** user@R1> show pim neighbors

Instance: PIM.master

B = Bidirectional Capable, G = Generation Identifier,

H = Hello Option Holdtime, L = Hello Option LAN Prune Delay,

P = Hello Option DR Priority, T = Tracking Bit

Interface	IP V Mode	Option	Uptime Neighbor addr
ge-0/0/1.0	4 2	HPLGBT	00:06:46 10.10.1.2
xe-2/1/0.0	4 2	HPLGBT	00:06:46 10.10.2.2

---

### Checking the Route to the Rendezvous Points

---

**Purpose** Check the interface route to the rendezvous points.

**Action** user@R1> show route 10.10.13.2

inet.0: 56 destinations, 56 routes (55 active, 0 holddown, 1 hidden)

+ = Active Route, - = Last Active, \* = Both

```
10.10.13.0/24      *[OSPF/10] 00:04:35, metric 4
                   > to 10.10.1.2 via ge-0/0/1.0
```

user@R1> show route 10.10.1.3

inet.0: 56 destinations, 56 routes (55 active, 0 holddown, 1 hidden)

+ = Active Route, - = Last Active, \* = Both

```
10.10.1.0/24      *[Direct/0] 00:06:25
                   > via ge-0/0/1.0
```

---

### Verifying Multicast Routes

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**Purpose** Verify the multicast traffic route for each group.

For bidirectional PIM, the **show multicast route extensive** command shows the (\*,G/prefix) forwarding routes and the list of interfaces that accept bidirectional PIM traffic.

---

**Action** user@R1> show multicast route extensive  
Family: INET

Group: 224.0.0.0/4  
Source: \*  
Incoming interface list:  
  lo0.0 ge-0/0/1.0 xe-4/1/0.0  
Downstream interface list:  
  ge-0/0/1.0  
Session description: zeroconfaddr  
Statistics: 0 kbps, 0 pps, 0 packets  
Next-hop ID: 2097157  
Incoming interface list ID: 559  
Upstream protocol: PIM  
Route state: Active  
Forwarding state: Forwarding  
Cache lifetime/timeout: forever  
Wrong incoming interface notifications: 0

Group: 224.1.1.0/24  
Source: \*  
Incoming interface list:  
  lo0.0 ge-0/0/1.0  
Downstream interface list:  
  ge-0/0/1.0  
Session description: NOB Cross media facilities  
Statistics: 0 kbps, 0 pps, 0 packets  
Next-hop ID: 2097157  
Incoming interface list ID: 579  
Upstream protocol: PIM  
Route state: Active  
Forwarding state: Forwarding  
Cache lifetime/timeout: forever  
Wrong incoming interface notifications: 0

Group: 224.1.3.0/24  
Source: \*  
Incoming interface list:  
  lo0.0 ge-0/0/1.0 xe-4/1/0.0  
Downstream interface list:  
  ge-0/0/1.0  
Session description: NOB Cross media facilities  
Statistics: 0 kbps, 0 pps, 0 packets  
Next-hop ID: 2097157  
Incoming interface list ID: 556  
Upstream protocol: PIM  
Route state: Active  
Forwarding state: Forwarding  
Cache lifetime/timeout: forever  
Wrong incoming interface notifications: 0

Group: 225.1.1.0/24  
Source: \*  
Incoming interface list:  
  lo0.0 ge-0/0/1.0  
Downstream interface list:  
  ge-0/0/1.0  
Session description: Unknown  
Statistics: 0 kbps, 0 pps, 0 packets  
Next-hop ID: 2097157

```

Incoming interface list ID: 579
Upstream protocol: PIM
Route state: Active
Forwarding state: Forwarding
Cache lifetime/timeout: forever
Wrong incoming interface notifications: 0

```

```

Group: 225.1.3.0/24
Source: *
Incoming interface list:
  lo0.0 ge-0/0/1.0 xe-4/1/0.0
Downstream interface list:
  ge-0/0/1.0
Session description: Unknown
Statistics: 0 kbps, 0 pps, 0 packets
Next-hop ID: 2097157
Incoming interface list ID: 556
Upstream protocol: PIM
Route state: Active
Forwarding state: Forwarding
Cache lifetime/timeout: forever
Wrong incoming interface notifications: 0

```

**Meaning** For information about how the incoming and outgoing interface lists are derived, see the forwarding rules in RFC 5015.

### Viewing Multicast Next Hops

**Purpose** Verify that the correct accepting interfaces are shown in the incoming interface list.

```

Action user@R1> show multicast next-hops
Family: INET
ID      Refcount KRefCount Downstream interface
2097157      10          5 ge-0/0/1.0

Family: Incoming interface list
ID      Refcount KRefCount Downstream interface
579      5          2 lo0.0
          ge-0/0/1.0
556      5          2 lo0.0
          ge-0/0/1.0
          xe-4/1/0.0
559      3          1 lo0.0
          ge-0/0/1.0
          xe-4/1/0.0

```

**Meaning** The nexthop IDs for the outgoing and incoming next hops are referenced directly in the **show multicast route extensive** command.

**Related Documentation**

- [Bidirectional PIM Applications on page 1](#)
- [Understanding Bidirectional PIM](#)