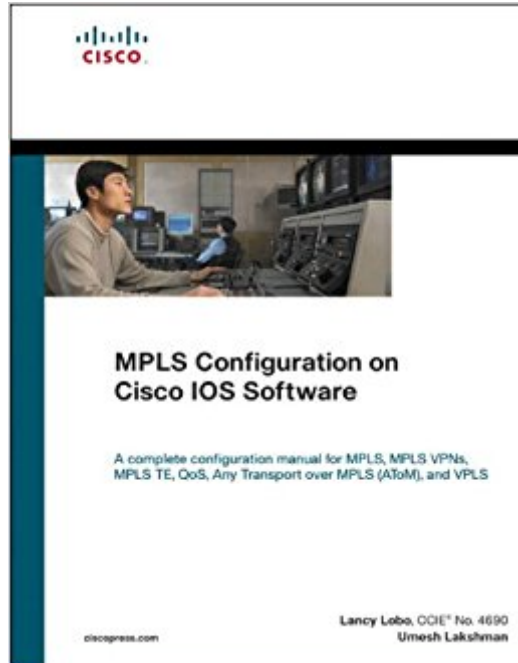


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# MPLS Configuration On Cisco IOS Software



## Synopsis

A complete configuration manual for MPLS, MPLS VPNs, MPLS TE, QoS, Any Transport over MPLS (AToM), and VPLS. Understand the crucial Cisco commands for various MPLS scenarios. Understand fundamentals of MPLS operation and learn to configure basic MPLS in Frame Relay and ATM-based environments. Master fundamentals of MPLS VPN operation including Multiprotocol BGP (MBGP) operation, VPNv4 route exchange, and basic MPLS VPN configuration in the provider network. Understand and configure various PE-CE routing protocols in MPLS VPN networks. Understand MPLS VPN provisioning in an Inter-provider VPN (Inter-AS) and Carrier Supporting Carrier (CSC) environment. Learn MPLS TE and its advanced features. Examine AToM with configuration examples for like-to-like and any-to-any L2 VPN implementations and VPLS components and operation, VPLS configuration and verification, and VPLS topologies. Learn about MPLS QoS, including configuration and implementation of uniform and short pipe modes.

MPLS Configuration on Cisco IOS Software is a complete and detailed resource to the configuration of Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) networks and associated features. Through its practical, hands-on approach, you will become familiar with MPLS technologies and their configurations using Cisco IOS® Software. MPLS Configuration on Cisco IOS Software covers basic-to-advanced MPLS concepts and configuration. Beyond its emphasis on MPLS, you will learn about applications and deployments associated with MPLS, such as traffic engineering (TE), Layer 2 virtual private networks (VPN), and Virtual Private LAN Service (VPLS). You will receive practical guidance and deployment scenarios that can be enhanced by re-creation of the setups and configurations demonstrated within this book. You will move quickly from a brief overview of MPLS technology and basic MPLS configuration on Cisco® routers to more advanced topics. Several chapters provide instruction on VPN connectivity options, including implementing Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) in MPLS VPNs. You will receive configuration guidelines for advanced MPLS implementations such as MPLS TE, quality of service (QoS), and extranet VPNs. You will learn about implementation of Layer 2 VPNs versus Layer 3 VPNs with Cisco Any Transport over MPLS (AToM). And you will see demonstrations of implementing VPLS on Cisco routers complete with the configurations and platform support. I highly recommend MPLS Configuration on Cisco IOS Software as required reading for those in search of practical guidance of the technology and nuances of configuring MPLS for next-generation networks for voice, video, data, and application service offerings across a wide variety of deployment scenarios.

— Carlos Dominguez, Senior Vice President, Worldwide Service Provider Operations, Cisco Systems®

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I am getting a little sick and tired of dealing with Cisco press. Every book I own is so filled with errors it makes understanding concepts difficult. How hard is it to make sure your diagram is correct. I am reading about Inter-provider VPN, is it too much to ask that your explanation match the diagram you are referring to! I mean, AS numbers are inaccurate, the diagram is mislabeled all over the place and none of it makes sense. Every time I submit an error Cisco never even bothers to acknowledge me much less actually make the correction. I have 3 MPLS books from Cisco that I have submitted errors for months ago and still no correction! By the way Cisco your books aren't cheap! The least you could do is have the decency to provide correct error free information.

The topics and detail in this book are wonderful. There is only one catch - the mistakes in this book are absolutely horrendous! When going through the details of the book, the reader must be cognizant of that which the author 'meant' to put there. I find it absolutely hard to believe that this book made it past any editors at all. I am using this book to study for my CCIE Service Provider lab exam. I find it somewhat manageable to figure out what should be in the examples and diagrams only because of previous experience. But, if you are new to BGP and MPLS, do NOT use this book as it will probably create quite a bit of frustration and confusion. Wait until all the mistakes have been

corrected in a new volume. I really feel if the mistakes are corrected, this could be the best MPLS book for Cisco out there.

The scenarios covered in this book are amazing. But it is really tedious to follow the book some time. There are lots and lots of mistakes. Mistake from the network AS numbers, Label numbers and it grows and grows. You should know the topic to understand the mistakes in first place. I would suggest this book only if the mistakes are corrected. I would give 4 stars if there are no mistakes.

After reading many MPLS books, I found "MPLS Configuration on Cisco IOS Software" the best MPLS book in the market and even has mistakes wish hope will be corrected in the new release, it is an amazing book for studying to CCIE Service Provider. The book explaining the MPLS applications on easy manner with scenarios accompaniment which let the reader understands the concepts so easy. Hope to see soon the new release with all mistakes corrected and will sure every reader will rate it FIVE \*\*\*\*\* without any hesitation.

First off the publishing date for 1st edition June 2010 is confusing. I purchased this book back in 06. I have been in IT a long time(26 years) and working with Cisco since IOS 9x. I am a networking consultant with a successful practice of over 15 years and have implemented and troubleshot all kinds of network related issues. I am a CCNP/DP recert 3 times over. I stepped away from Networking for a few years to pursue an energy related venture which was fun. I am getting back into networking for I miss it and wanted to brush up. After my Doyle re-reads and all the others as well I decided to go through this book. I had it in 06 but never got to it. Yes, there are mistakes in the book as other reviewers had mentioned and you have to be aware of them but this will keep you sharp in your reading and should prevent you to not let the book lead you into becoming a config. or text rehash drone. I learned a tremendous amount and had to catch up on some other topics. Plus, you strengthen other areas as well, BGP, MBGP and nuances of IGP's. The book is laid out to be used as either a reference book or a step by step chapter by chapter progression. I am only a quarter of the way through it and implementing many of the scenarios in my lab and sniffing them to observe and fully understand the mechanics of the various protocols involved operate. The process and mechanics of the protocols and scenarios involved are laid out easily to grasp and practice. Aside from the mistakes the diagrams and illustrations are excellent to help reinforce the concepts. You may not need to go through every chapter but the first 6 or 7 are critical and the rest cover some areas that are relevant today L2TPv3 and VPLS in your environment. The configuration examples

are easy to follow but do presume you already have some R/S IGP/EGP experience. I do wish the book provide additional show and troubleshooting commands beyond the basic verification ones provided. That combination would make this book a one stop shop all time great. But there are other book just dedicated to troubleshooting MPLS and you always have CCO.I find it an excellent learning resource and professional reference for the future. I will get the next edition (error free I hope) when it comes out. A definite plus for your engineering library.P.S. I also highly recommend "Selecting MPLS VPN Services" also from 06 but it covers the varying options from an enterprise perspective easily and provides tidbits you never would consider. I just finished it while reading MPLS Configuration and they complement each other very well, so another great addition to your library.I am considering CCIP but I am waiting for any updates since the recent NP/DP tracks had changed.Good luck to all on your studying or projects.

This is the first MPLS book I have bought (have more than a couple) that is devoted to the actual configs to make MPLS work. Most of my other texts gloss over the nuts and bolts.

As many people says, there are some errors in the book but I would say that if you can spot them, you know what you are talking about right ? :)This book is still a very valuable source of information regarding MPLS.It helps me a lot in my CCIE lab progress and I can say that at first I was very confused with the PE CE routing protocols.After the MPLS basics chapters, you will see that the author went deeper : MPLS TE, inter provider VPN, AToM, VPLS, QoS,If you are a part of an ISP, all the chapters will help you in your daily tasks. If you are not, probably 60 % of the book will be enough for you but you can read everything and maybe impress some ISP manager during an interview :DIn short: This book has mistakes but it is still a very good book regarding MPLS !! give 3 stars !

This book supplies good info about MPLS and it's uses. Sometimes hard to follow because of errors between visual diagrams and what is written. Otherwise a good book to use for learning MPLS

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