



SR-MPLS and SRv6

This section describes the SR-MPLS and SRv6 policy features that Crosswork supports. For a list of known limitations and important notes, see the [Cisco Crosswork Network Controller Release Notes](#).

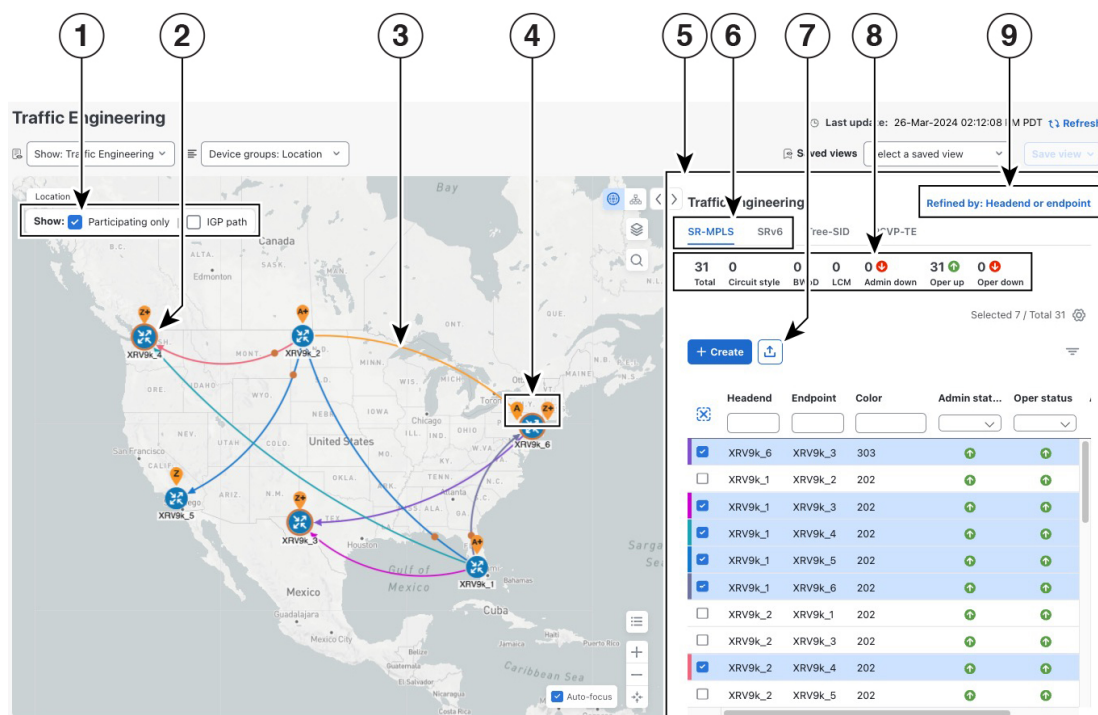
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View SR-MPLS and SRv6 policies on the topology map

To get to the Traffic Engineering topology map, choose **Services & Traffic Engineering > Traffic Engineering**.

From the Traffic engineering table, click the checkbox of each SR-MPLS or SRv6 policy you want to view on the map. You can select up to 10 policies that will appear as separate colored links.

Figure 1: Traffic engineering UI: SR-MPLS and SRv6 policies



Callout No.	Description
1	Click the appropriate check box to enable the following options: • Show: IGP path—Displays the IGP path for the selected SR-TE policy. • Show: Participating only—Displays only links that belong to selected SR-TE policy. All other links and devices disappear.
2	A device with an orange (🔴) outline indicates there is a node SID associated with that device or a device in the cluster.
3	When SR-TE policies are selected in the SR-MPLS or SRv6 tables, they show as colored directional lines on the map indicating source and destination. An adjacency segment ID (SID) is shown as an orange circle on a link along the path (🔴).
4	SR-MPLS and SRv6 policy origin and destination: If both A and Z are displayed in a device cluster, at least one node in the cluster is a source, and another is a destination. The A+ denotes that there is more than one SR-TE policy that originates from a node. The Z+ denotes that the node is a destination for more than one SR policy.
5	The content of this window depends on what has been selected or filtered. In this example, the SR-MPLS tab is selected, and the SR Policy table is displayed.
6	Click on either the SR-MPLS or SRv6 tabs to view the respective list of SR-TE policies.

Callout No.	Description
7	Exports <i>all</i> data into a CSV file. You cannot export selected or filtered data.
8	The Mini dashboard provides a summary of the operational SR-MPLS or SRv6 policy status. If filters are applied, the Mini dashboard is updated to reflect what is displayed in the SR Policy and SRv6 Policy tables. In addition to the policy status, the SR-MPLS mini dashboard table displays the number of PCC and PCE initiated tunnels that are <i>currently</i> listed in the SR Policy table.
9	This option allows you to choose how the group filter (when in use) should be applied on the table data. For example, if Headend only was selected, then it would only display policies where the headend device of the policy is in the selected group. This filter allows you to see specific configurations and is useful when you have a large network. Filter options: • Headend or endpoint—Show policies with either the headend or endpoint device in the selected group. • Headend and endpoint—Show policies if both the headend and endpoint are in the group. • Headend only—Show policies if the headend device of the policy is in the selected group. • Endpoint only—Show policies if the endpoint device of the policy is in the selected group.

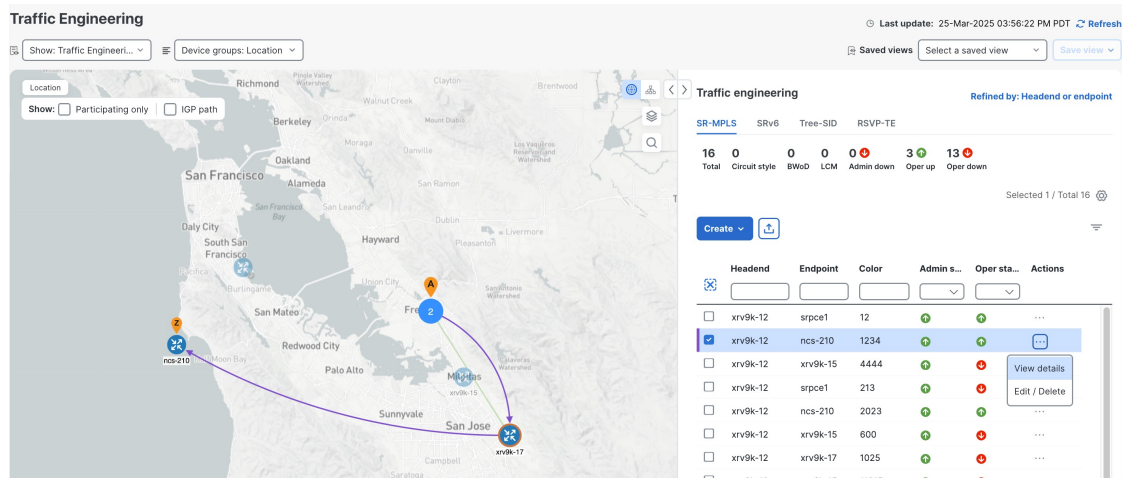
View SR-MPLS and SRv6 policy details

View SR-MPLS or SRv6 TE policy level details as well segment lists and any path computation constraints configured on a per-candidate path basis.

Procedure

Step 1 From the **Actions** column, choose  > **View details** for one of the SR-MPLS or SRv6 policies.

Figure 2: View SR Policy Details



Step 2 View SR-MPLS or SRv6 policy details. From the browser, you can copy the URL and share with others.

Figure 3: SR Policy Details - Headend, Endpoint, and Summary

SR policy details

Current History

Headend  xrv9k-12 | Source IP: 192.168.0.2
TE RID: 192.168.0.2 | IPv6 RID: 2001:192:168::2
PCC IP: 192.168.0.2

Endpoint  ncs-210 | Dest IP: 192.168.0.6
TE RID: 192.168.0.6

color 1234

Summary

Admin state	 Up
Oper state	 Up
Binding SID	24010
Policy type	Regular
Profile ID	-
Description	-
Traffic rate	0 Mbps
Unused	True 
Delay	240 
Accumulated metric	0
Delegated to PCE	True
Last update	25-Mar-2025 01:48:44 PM PDT

[See less ^](#)

Candidate path

[Expand all](#)

	Path name	Preference	Path type	State
☒	my_path_1234	100	Unknown	 

Note

The Delay value is calculated for all policies every 10 minutes. Hover your mouse over the "i" icon (next to the Delay value) to view the last time the value was updated.

Visualize IGP path and metrics

View the physical path and metrics between the endpoints of the selected SR-MPLS policies.

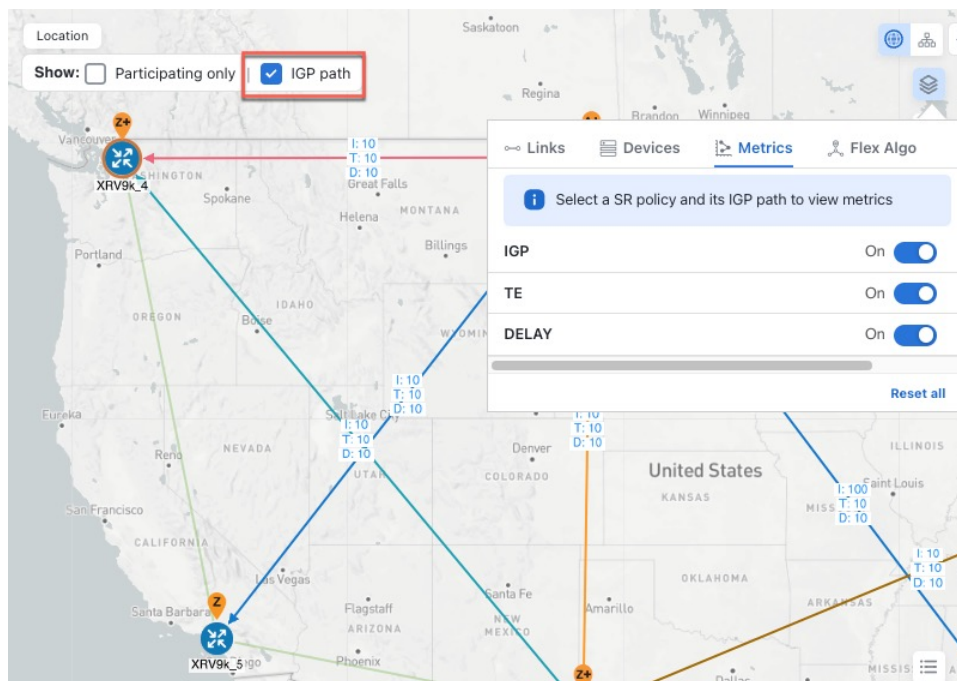
Procedure

- Step 1** From the **SR Policy** table, check the check box next to the SR-TE (SR-MPLS and SRv6) policies you are interested in.
- Step 2** Check the **Show IGP Path** check box. The IGP paths for the selected SR-MPLS policies are displayed as straight lines instead of the segment hops. In a dual-stack topology, the **Participating only** checkbox must also be checked to view metrics on participating links.
- Step 3** Click  > **Metrics** tab.
- Step 4** Toggle applicable metrics to **ON**.

Note

You must check the **Show IGP Path** check box to view metrics.

Figure 4: View Physical Path and Metrics



Find Multiple Candidate Paths (MCPs)

Visualizing MCPs gives you insight into which paths might be a better alternative to the currently active ones. If you determine to do so, you can then manually configure the device and change which path becomes active.

Important Notes

- Only PCC-initialized SR-TE policies with MCPs are supported.

- Crosswork does not distinguish dynamic paths from explicit paths. The Policy Type field value displays as 'Unknown'.
- You can view active explicit paths but not inactive candidate explicit paths in the UI.

Before you begin

A policy must be configured with MCPs on devices before they can be visualized on the Traffic Engineering topology map. This configuration can be done manually or within the Crosswork Network Controller.

Procedure

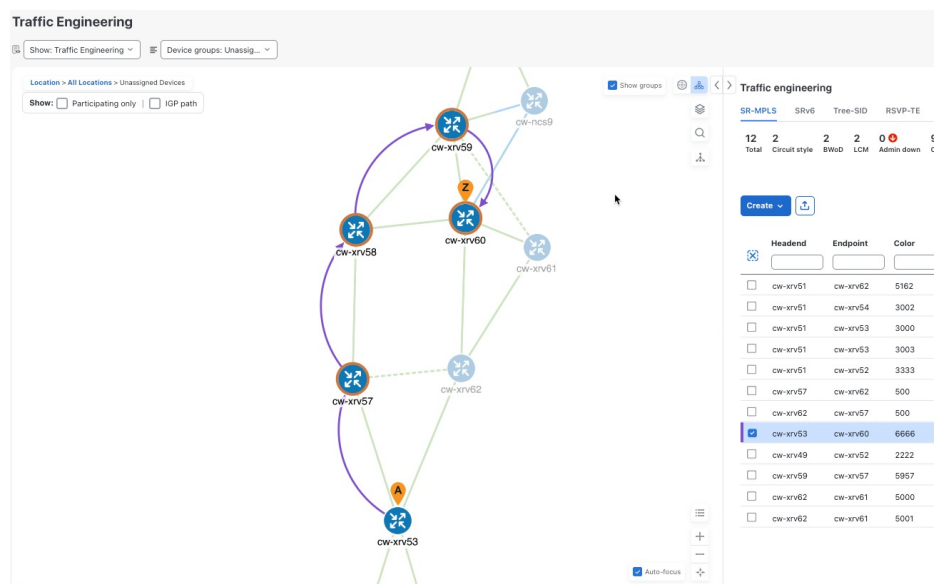
Step 1 From the main menu, choose **Services & Traffic Engineering > Traffic Engineering > SR-MPLS** or **SRv6** tab.

Step 2 Navigate to the active SR-TE policy that has MCPs configured and view it on the topology map.

- Check the check box next to the SR-TE policy that has MCPs configured.
- View the SR-TE policy that is highlighted on the topology map.

In this example, you see that the active path is going from **cw-xrv53 > cw-xrv57 > cw-xrv58 > cw-xrv59 > cw-xrv60**.

Figure 5: SR-TE policy on the Topology Map



Step 3 View the list of candidate paths.

- From the SR-MPLS or SRv6 Policy table **Actions** column, click ***** > View details**. A list of candidate paths appear along with policy details in the **SR policy details** window. The green A under the State column indicates the active path.

Figure 6: Candidate Path in SR Policy Details

SR policy details

Current **History**

Headend cw-xrv53 | Source IP: 3.3.3.53
TE RID: 3.3.3.5 | IPv6 RID: bb:bb:bb:3:3:
PCC IP: 3.3.3.53

Endpoint cw-xrv60 | Dest IP: 3.3.3.60
TE RID: 3.3.3.5

color 6666

Summary

Admin state	Up
Oper state	Up
Binding SID	24035
Policy type	Regular
Profile ID	-
Description	-
Traffic rate	0 Mbps
Unused	True ⓘ

[See more](#)

Candidate path

[Expand all](#)

Path name	Preference	Path type	State
☒ cfg_mcp-53-60_discr_25	25	Unknown	Up ⓘ
☒ cfg_mcp-53-60_discr_20	20	Unknown	Down ⓘ

Step 4 You can expand individual paths or click **Expand all** to view details of each path.

Step 5 Visualize the candidate path on the topology map.

- a) Check the check box next to any candidate path.

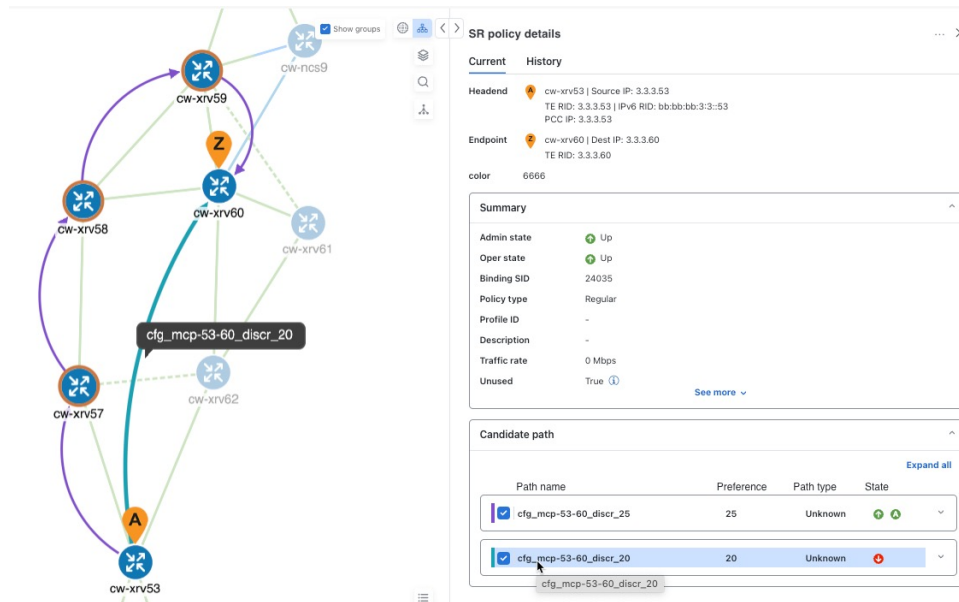
Note

You will not be able to select or view explicit candidate paths.

- b) From the **Candidate path** area, hover your mouse over the candidate path name. The candidate path is highlighted on the topology map.

In this example, you see that the alternate path goes directly from **cw-xrv53** > **cw-xrv60**.

Figure 7: Candidate Path on the Topology Map



Visualize underlying paths associated with a defined Binding-Segment ID (B-SID) label

Crosswork Network Controller allows you to visualize the underlying path of a B-SID hop that you have manually configured on a device or configured using Crosswork Network Controller. In this example, we have assigned **15700** as a B-SID label on an SR-MPLS policy hop.

To view the B-SID underlying path for an SR-MPLS or SRv6 policy, do the following:

Procedure

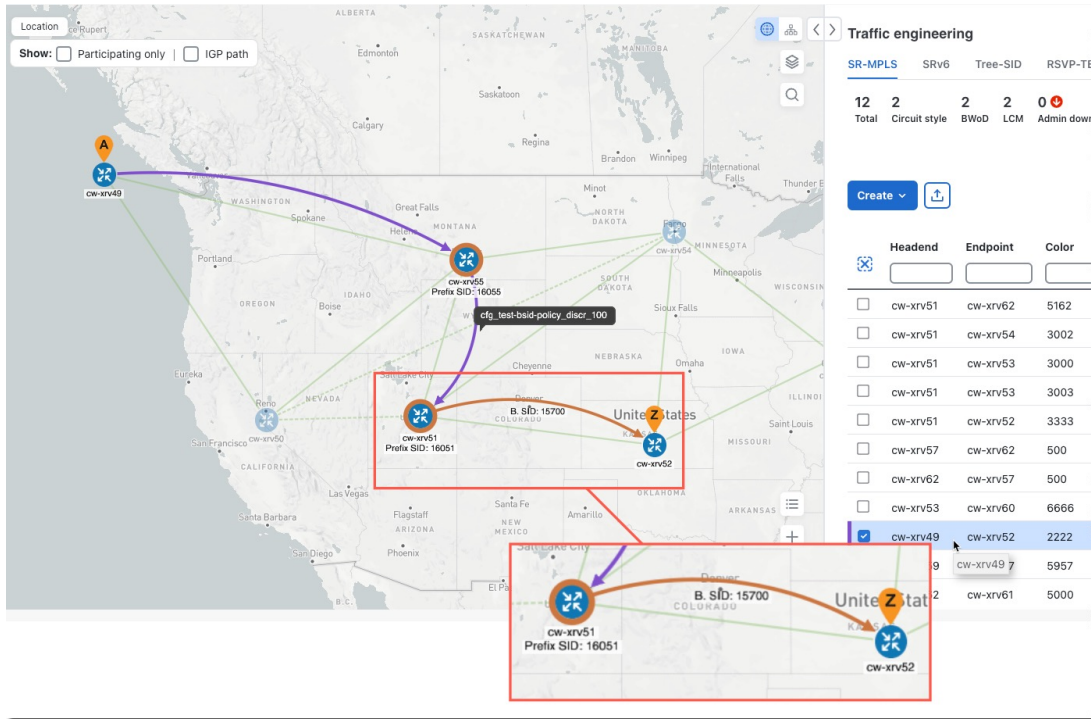
Step 1 Choose **Services & Traffic Engineering > Traffic Engineering**.

Step 2 From the SR Policy table, check the check box next to the policy that has a hop assigned with a B-SID label. Hover your mouse over any part of the SR-MPLS row to see the B-SID name. The B-SID path is highlighted in **orange** on the topology map.

In this example, you see that the B-SID path is going from **cw-xrv51** to **cw-xrv52**.

Visualize underlying paths associated with a defined Binding-Segment ID (B-SID) label

Figure 8: B-SID label



Step 3 From the SR policy details page, click > **View details**.

Figure 9: View Details

	Head...	Endp...	Color	Admin ...	Oper s...	Actions
☐	CW-Xr...	CW-Xr...	3333			
☐	CW-Xr...	CW-Xr...	500			
☐	CW-Xr...	CW-Xr...	500			
☐	CW-Xr...	CW-Xr...	6666			
☒	CW-Xr...	CW-Xr...	2222			
☐	CW-Xr...	CW-Xr...	5957			
☐	CW-Xr...	CW-Xr...	5000			

View details
 Edit / Delete

Step 4 Expand the active path and click the B-Sid Label ID to see the underlying path.

Figure 10: B-Sid Label ID

> SR policy details ... X

Current History

Candidate path ^

[Collapse all](#)

Path name	Preference	Path type	State
☒ cfg_test-bsid-policy_discr_1...100	Unknown	↑	A ^

Se...	Segm...	L...	Algo	IP	N...	Inter...	Sl...
0	N...	1...	0	3.3.3...	c...		R...
1	N...	1...	0	3.3.3...	c...		R...
2	B-Sid	1576	15700	3.3.3...	c...		

Path name: cfg_test-bsid-policy_discr_100

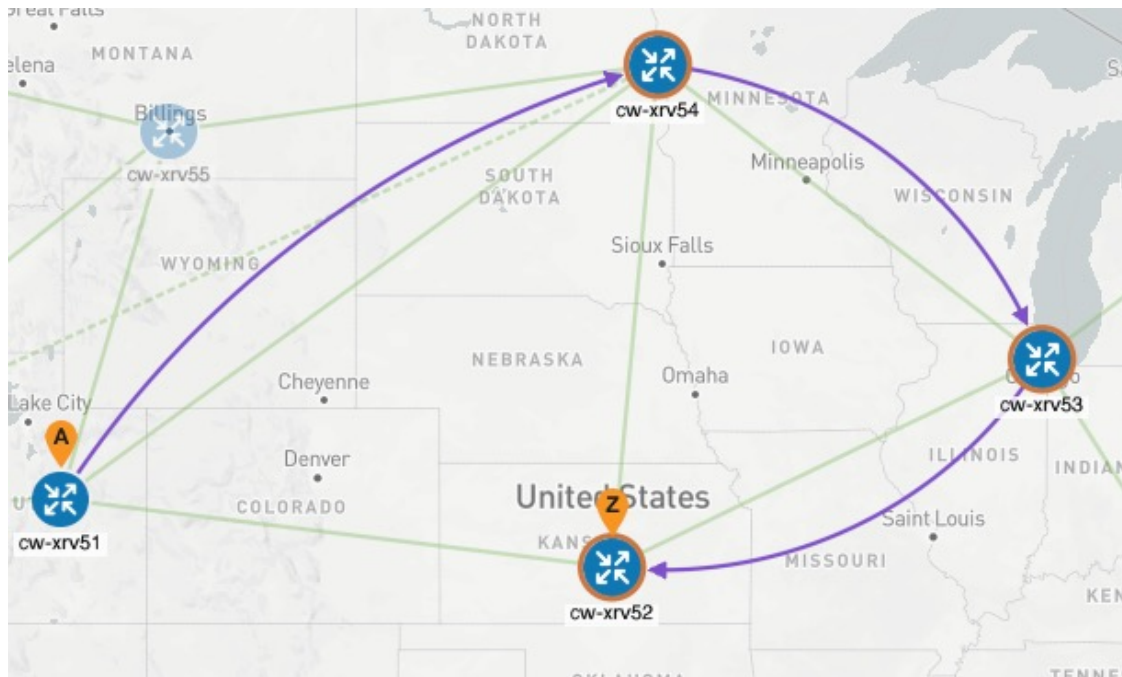
Oper state: ↑ Up | A Active

Metric type: TE

Bandwidth: -

In this example, the underlying path actually goes from **cw-xrv51** > **cw-xrv54** > **cw-xrv53** > **cw-xrv52**.

Figure 11: B-SID Path



Visualize native SR paths

Visualizing the native path will help you in OAM (Operations, Administration, and Maintenance) activities to monitor label-switched paths (LSPs) and quickly isolate forwarding problems to assist with fault detection and troubleshooting in the network. Since this feature uses multipaths, all ECMP paths are shown between the source and destination. You can visualize only native SR IGP paths.

Device prerequisites

Confirm the following device software and configurations are met prior to visualizing native paths.

1. Devices should be running Cisco IOS XR 7.3.2 or higher. Run `show version` command to verify it.
2. Devices should have GRPC enabled. For information on enabling gRPC on PCE, see [Requirements for adding SR-PCE providers](#) in the Cisco Crosswork Network Controller 7.1 Administration guide.
 - a. Run `show run grpc` to confirm GRPC configuration. You should see something similar to this:

```
tpa
vrf default
address-family ipv4
default-route mgmt
!
address-family ipv6
default-route mgmt
!
!
```

```

!
or

linux networking
vrf default
address-family ipv4
default-route software-forwarding
!
address-family ipv6
default-route software-forwarding
!
!
!

```

**Note**

- `address-family` is only required in an IPv4 topology.
- To enable GRPC with a secure connection, you must upload security certificates to connect to the device.

3. Devices should have GNMI capability enabled and configured.

- From **Device Management > Network Devices**, click the IP address for the device you are interested in.
- Confirm that GNMI is listed under **Connectivity details**.

Based on the type of devices, these device encoding type are available. The appropriate encoding type is determined by the device's capabilities, the data model it supports, and how the data is expected to be transmitted between the device and Crosswork Network Controller.

- **JSON**: Human-readable and widely supported by most devices.
- **BYTES**: Encodes data in binary format for efficient transmission.
- **PROTO**: A compact, efficient binary format used with gRPC.
- **ASCII**: A plain-text format that is human-readable but less commonly used compared to JSON.
- **JSON IETF**: A standardized variant of JSON that adheres to IETF YANG specifications.

4. Devices should have the CDG router static address. Static route should be added from the device to the southbound CDG IP address. For example:

```

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:xrvr-7.3.2#config

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:xrvr-7.3.2(config)#router static

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:xrvr-7.3.2(config-static)#address-family ipv4 unicast <CDG Southbound
interface IP: eg. 172.24.97.110> <Device Gateway eg: 172.29.105.1>

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:xrvr-7.3.2(config-static)#commit

```

Visualize native paths

Follow these steps to create a path query.

Procedure

Step 1 From the main menu, choose **Services & Traffic Engineering > Path Query**. The Path Query dashboard appears.

Step 2 Click **New query**.

Step 3 Enter the device information in the required fields to find available Native SR IGP Paths and click **Get paths**.

Note

Path queries may take a moment to complete. When the Running Query ID pop-up appears, you can also select **View past queries** to return to the Path Query Dashboard. If you already had path queries in the list, you can view existing details as the new query continues to run in the background, which is indicated by the blue Running icon in the Query State column. When the new query state turns green, and is completed, it can be viewed.

Figure 12: New path query



New path query

Select from the fields below to find available native SR IGP paths

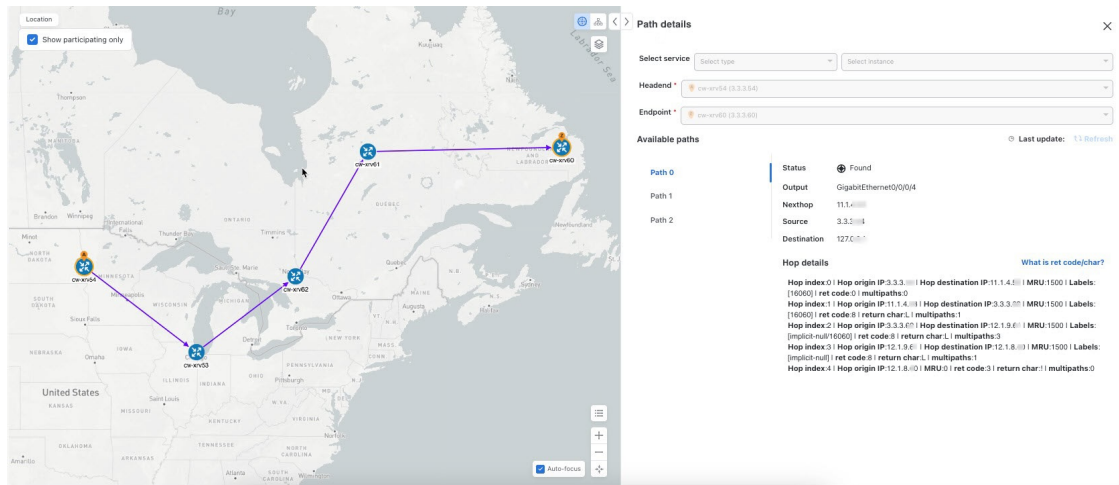
Select service

Headend *

Endpoint *

Step 4 Click **View results** when it becomes available on the Running Query ID pop-up. The Path Details window appears with corresponding available paths details while the topology map displays the available Native SR IGP paths on the left.

Figure 13: Path details



Configure TE link affinities in Crosswork Network Controller

If you have any affinities you wish to account for when provisioning an SR policy, Tree-SID, or RSVP-TE tunnel, then you can optionally define affinity mapping on the Crosswork Network Controller UI for consistency with affinity names in device configurations. Crosswork Network Controller will only send bit information to SR-PCE during provisioning. If an affinity mapping is not defined in the UI, then the affinity name is displayed as "UNKNOWN". If you want to configure affinity mappings in Crosswork Network Controller for visualization purposes, you should collect affinities on the device, then define affinity mapping in Crosswork Network Controller with the same name and bits that are used on the device.

The affinity configuration on interfaces simply turns on some bits. It is a 32-bit value, with each bit position (0–31) representing a link attribute. Affinity mappings can be colors representing a certain type of service profile (for example, low delay, high bandwidth, and so on). This makes it easier to refer to link attributes.

See SR, Tree-SID, or RSVP-TE configuration documentation for your specific device to view descriptions and supported configuration commands (for example, [Segment Routing Configuration Guide for Cisco ASR 9000 Series Router](#))

The following example shows an SR-TE affinity configuration (`affinity-map`) on a device:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:c12#sh running-config segment-routing traffic-eng affinity-map
Wed Jul 27 12:14:50.027 PDT
segment-routing
 traffic-eng
  affinity-map
    name red bit-position 1
    name blue bit-position 5
    name green bit-position 4
  !
!
```

Procedure

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Settings > System settings > Traffic engineering > Affinity > TE link affinities**. Alternatively, you can define affinities while provisioning an SR-TE policy, Tree-SID, or RSVP-TE tunnel by clicking **Manage mapping** under the **Constraints > Affinity** field.
- Step 2** Click **+ Create** to add a new affinity mapping.
- Step 3** Enter the name and the bit it will be assigned. For example (using the above configuration):

Figure 14: Mapping affinities

The screenshot shows the 'TE link affinities' configuration page. At the top, there are two tabs: 'TE link affinities' (selected) and 'Flex- Algo affinities'. Below the tabs is a '+ Create' button. The main area contains a table with the following data:

Name ⓘ	Bit position (0-31) ⓘ	Actions
red	1	Edit Delete
blue	5	Edit Delete
green	4	Edit Delete

- Step 4** Click **Save** to save the mapping. To create another mapping, you must click **+ Create** and save the entry.

Affinity removal and orphan TE tunnels

Note

You should remove the TE tunnel before removing the affinity to avoid orphan TE tunnels. If you have removed an affinity associated with a TE tunnel, the affinity is shown as "UNKNOWN" in the **SR policy / RSVP-TE tunnel details** window.

Policy deployment considerations

Prior to provisioning policies, consider these options.

- On a scaled setup with high node, policy, or interface counts, a timeout may occur during policy deployment. To configure timeout options, see [Configure TE timeout settings](#).
- For visualization purposes, you can optionally collect affinity information from your devices and then map them in Cisco Crosswork before provisioning an SR policy, Tree-SID, or RSVP-TE tunnel. See [Affinity map configurations](#) for sample configurations.

Create explicit SR-MPLS policies

This task creates SR-MPLS policies using an explicit (fixed) path consisting of a list of prefix or adjacency Segment IDs (SID list), each representing a node or link along on the path. Follow these steps to create explicit SR-MPLS policies.

Before you begin

Collect affinity information from your devices, and then map them in the Crosswork Network Controller UI before creating an explicit SR-MPLS policy. See [Configure TE link affinities in Crosswork Network Controller, on page 15](#).

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Services & Traffic Engineering > Traffic Engineering > SR-MPLS**.

Step 2 Click **Create > PCE Init**.

Note

If you would like to provision a PCC initiated policy using Cisco Network Services Orchestrator (NSO) via the Crosswork UI, see [Create SR-TE policies \(PCC-initiated\), on page 19](#).

Step 3 Under **Policy details**, enter or select the required SR-MPLS policy values. Hover the mouse pointer over the ⓘ to view a description of the field.

Tip

If you have set up device groups, you can select the device group from the **Device Groups** drop-down list. Then navigate and zoom in on the topology map to click the device for headend or endpoint selection.

Step 4 Under **Policy path**, click **Explicit path** and enter a path name.

Step 5 Add segments that will be part of the SR-MPLS policy path.

Step 6 Click **Preview** and confirm that the policy you created matched your intent.

Step 7 If you want to commit the policy path, click **Provision** to activate the policy on the network or exit to abort the configuration process.

Step 8 Validate the SR-MPLS policy creation:

- a. Confirm that the new SR-MPLS policy appears in the **Traffic engineering** table. You can also click the check box next to the policy to see it highlighted in the map.

Note

The newly provisioned SR-TE policy may take some time, depending on the network size and performance, to appear in the table. The **Traffic engineering** table is refreshed every 30 seconds.

- b. View and confirm the new SR-MPLS policy details. From the **Traffic engineering** table, click the ⋮ and select **View details**.

Note

On a setup with high node, policy, or interface counts, a timeout may occur during policy deployment. To configure timeout options, see [Configure TE timeout settings](#).

Create dynamic SR-MPLS policies based on optimization intent

SR-PCE computes a path for the policy based on metrics and path constraints (affinities or disjointness) defined by the user. A user can select from three available metrics to minimize in-path computation: IGP, TE, or latency. The SR-PCE will automatically re-optimize the path as necessary based on topology changes. If a link or interface fails, the network will find an alternate path that meets all the criteria specified in the policy and raise an alarm. If no path is found, an alarm is raised, and the packets are dropped.

Follow these steps to create SR-MPLS policies with a dynamic path.

Procedure

- Step 1** Choose **Services & Traffic Engineering > Traffic Engineering > SR-MPLS**.
 - Step 2** Click **Create > PCE Init**. If you would like to provision a PCC initiated policy using Cisco Network Services Orchestrator (NSO) via the Crosswork UI, see [Create SR-TE policies \(PCC-initiated\)](#), on page 19.
 - Step 3** Under **Policy details**, enter or select the required SR-MPLS policy values. Hover the mouse pointer over ⓘ to view a description of each field.
- Tip**
If you have set up device groups, you can select the device group from the **Device Groups** drop-down menu. Then navigate and zoom in on the topology map to click the device for headend or endpoint selection.
- Step 4** Under **Policy path**, click **Dynamic path** and enter a path name.
 - Step 5** Under **Optimization objective**, select the metric you want to minimize.
 - Step 6** Define any applicable constraints and disjointness.

Affinity considerations

- Affinity constraints and disjointness cannot be configured on the same SR-MPLS policy. Also, there cannot be more than two SR-MPLS policies in the same disjoint group or subgroup. The configuration will not be allowed during Preview.
- If there are existing SR-MPLS policies belonging to a disjoint group that you define here, all SR-MPLS policies that belong to that same disjoint group are shown during Preview.

- Step 7** Under **Segments**, select whether or not protected segments should be used when available.
- Step 8** Enter any applicable SID constraint. Crosswork Network Controller will try to find a path with this SID. If a path with the SID constraint cannot be found, the provisioned policy will remain operationally down until the conditions are met.

SID information

- Flexible Algorithm—The values correspond to the Flexible Algorithm that are defined on the device and the 128-255 range is enforced by Cisco IOS XR.

- Algorithm 0—This is a Shortest Path First (SPF) algorithm based on link metric. This shortest path algorithm is computed by the Interior gateway protocol (IGP).
- Algorithm 1—This is a Strict Shortest Path First (SSPF) algorithm based on link metric. The algorithm 1 is identical to algorithm 0 but requires that all nodes along the path honor the SPF routing decision. Local policy does not alter the forwarding decision. For example, a packet is not forwarded through locally engineered path.

Step 9 Click **Preview**. The path is highlighted on the map.

Step 10 To commit the policy path, click **Provision**.

Step 11 Validate the SR-MPLS policy creation.

- Confirm that the new SR-MPLS policy appears in the SR Policy table. You can also click the check box next to the policy to see it highlighted in the map.

Note

The newly provisioned SR-MPLS policy may take some time, depending on the network size and performance, to appear in the **Traffic engineering** table. The table is refreshed every 30 seconds.

- View and confirm the new SR-MPLS policy details. From the **Traffic engineering** table, click  and select **View details**.

Create SR-TE policies (PCC-initiated)

This task creates explicit or dynamic SR-MPLS or SRv6 policies using Cisco Network Services Orchestrator (NSO) via the Crosswork UI.

Before you begin

If you want to create explicit PCC initiated SR-MPLS or SRv6 policies, you must create a Segment IDs list (**Services & Traffic Engineering > Provisioning (NSO) > SR-TE > SID-List**). An explicit (fixed) path consists of a list of prefix or adjacency Segment IDs, each representing a node or link along on the path.

Procedure

Step 1 From the main menu, choose **Services & Traffic Engineering > Provisioning (NSO)**.

Step 2 From SR-TE > Policy, click . Crosswork displays the **Create SR-TE > Policy** window.

Note

You may also click  to import an existing SR-TE policy.

Step 3 Enter the policy constraints and required values.

You must populate the following options:

Table 1: SR-TE Policy Configuration

Expand this:	To specify this:
name	Enter a name for this SR-TE policy.
head-end	You can click  to select a node or manually enter the node name.
tail-end	Manually enter the node name.
color	Enter a color. For example: 200.
path	a. Click  and enter a preference value. For example: 123 b. Select one of the following and toggle switch to enable: - explicit-path—Click  to add previously configured SID lists. - dynamic-path—Select the metric you want to minimize and define any applicable constraints and disjointness.
srv6	If you are creating an SRv6 policy, toggle Enable srv6 .

Step 4 When you are finished, click **Dry Run** to validate your changes and save them. Crosswork will display your changes in a pop-up window.

If you want to configure a service that has requirements that do not match those we describe in this example, contact Cisco Customer Experience.

Step 5 When you are ready to activate the policy, click **Commit Changes**.

Modify SR-MPLS policies

You can only modify or delete SR-MPLS policies that have been created using the Crosswork Network Controller API or UI . Follow these steps to view, modify, or delete an SR-MPLS policy.

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Services & Traffic Engineering > Traffic Engineering > SR-MPLS** tab.

Step 2 From the **Traffic engineering** table, locate the SR-MPLS policy you are interested in and click .

Step 3 Choose **View details** or **Edit/Delete**. After updating the SR-MPLS policy details, you can preview the changes on the map before saving it.