# **Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine 6.0 Release Notes**

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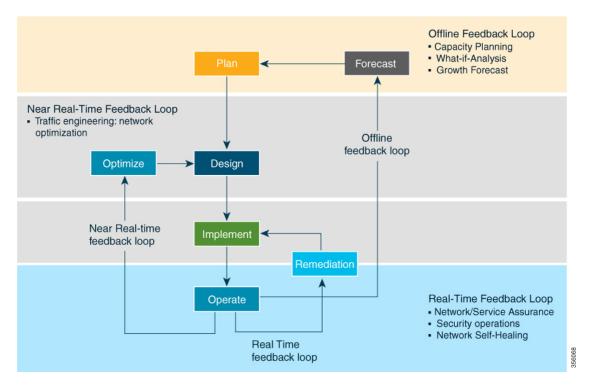
This document provides information about Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine, including product overview, new features and functionality, compatibility information, and known issues and limitations.

## **Product Overview**

Network operators are facing challenges to support the exponential growth of network traffic while addressing the pressure to efficiently run network operations. They need a toolset to help automate bandwidth optimization and efficiently steer traffic with little operator intervention. Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine fulfills this need by providing real-time network optimization capabilities that allow operators to effectively maximize network utility as well as increase service velocity.

Looking at the following figure, Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine is built to fulfill the need for a closed-loop optimization loop as described under "Near Real-Time Feedback Loop". Through Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine, the operator is able to define the optimization intent, implement the intent, and continuously monitor, track, and react to maintain the original intent.

#### Figure 1: Network Resolution Lifecycle



#### **Real-time Visibility**

To run their network effectively, end-to-end visibility is important to any network operator. Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine not only provides this visibility, but also the ability to visualize the network across different layers and the relationship between each layer. Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine leverages IETF-standard BGP-LS protocol to discover IP network automatically, including the following features:

- Real-time visibility: Provides the network operator with a true representation of the actual topology
- Hierarchical topology view: Enables operators to define the different levels of granularity in the topology visualization

#### Simplified SR-TE Policy and RSVP-TE Tunnel Lifecycle Management

Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine also provides an easy to use UI and API to manage and monitor the TE tunnel lifecycle. The UI and API enables the network operator to perform the following tasks:

- Visualize SR-TE (SR-MPLS and SRv6) policies and RSVP-TE tunnels.
- · Create, modify, and remove SR-MPLS policies and RSVP-TE tunnels using an intuitive workflow
- Continuously track SR-MPLS policies and RSVP-TE tunnels and use dynamic path computations to maintain SLA objectives
- Preview an SR-MPLS policy or RSVP-TE tunnel before deploying it to the network

#### **Extensibility through Feature Packs**

Crosswork Optimization Engine feature packs to help tackle bandwidth management, network congestions, and prevent over capacity utilization. A user defines the bandwidth optimization intent and the tools implement the intent, and continuously monitor, track, and react to maintain the original intent. A user can also define network congestion thresholds and configure whether to have the tool automatically remediate congestion or provide mitigation suggestions the operator can choose to act upon. The following feature packs are available with appropriate licensing. For licensing and ordering information, work with your Cisco Partner or Cisco Sales representative.

#### **Bandwidth on Demand**

As the name suggests, Bandwidth on Demand allows an operator/user to provision a Segment Routing Traffic Engineering (SR-TE)–based policy with a requested bandwidth between a specific set of devices. It is a soft bandwidth guarantee and can include a secondary optimization objective such as latency/TE/IGP.

#### **Local Congestion Mitigation**

Local Congestion Mitigation resolves congestion issues at the local interface level. This is done by rerouting traffic via tactical SR-TE policies only between devices on either side of the congested link. This way, the mitigation is localized to the congested interface and the end-to-end policy is not rerouted. This feature allows for operators to regain some control of the network by introducing a human in the loop. Upon congestion detection, mitigation recommendations are provided to the user and applied to the network only upon user confirmation. It can also be used as a monitoring tool to understand long-term congestion and failure patterns in the network, which will enable operators to augment capacity or perform maintenance in the identified parts of the network.

#### SR Circuit Style Manager

Segment Routing Circuit-Style (SR Circuit-Style) is a new way to provide a predictable way to transport circuit-like services (Optical circuits, TDM) over a Segment Routing network. To do so, SR Circuit-Style provides a bandwidth management mechanism that will guarantee that a given service will get the necessary bandwidth along its path (and along its backup path). The SR policy itself is supposed to follow some strict rules when provisioned: explicit path only, co-routed, bi-directional (guaranteed latency), bandwidth guaranteed, fault protected and diversity.

## What's New

This section lists new features and changes delivered in Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine 6.0.

| Feature  | What's New  |  |
|--|---|--|
| Local Congestion Mitigation (LCM) feature pack | • Automated Mode—This option allows LCM to automatically deploy TE tunnel recommendations based on thresholds that you configure.   |  |
|  | • Manual Mode (default)—This option, like in previous releases, requires a user to view the LCM Operational Dashboard and decide whether to commit TE tunnel recommendations.   |  |
|  | • Pause Mode—This option can pause LCM<br>operations on a particular interface when LCM<br>is in either Automated or Manual mode. Pausing<br>operations in Automated mode are necessary in<br>cases where deployed solutions do not result in<br>the intended resolution, there is uneven ECMP<br>traffic, there are policies that are not carrying<br>traffic, or when an interface is continuously<br>throttling between different solutions. |  |
|  | <b>Note</b> Pausing LCM operations removes all existing TE policies that were deployed for that interface.  |  |
|  | <b>Note</b> Automated mode is accessible through Limited Availability. Engage your account team for further details.  |  |

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#### Table 1: New Features and Functionality in Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine 6.0

| Feature                                     | What's New  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| SR Circuit Style Manager (CSM) feature pack | • Hop count may be used as a metric type when computing SR-TE Circuit Style policies.   |  |  |
|   | • Now attempts to periodically (every 30 minutes) recompute paths for policies that were unable to find a path.   |  |  |
|   | • In response to feedback from customers, we have<br>changed some events to alarms. For example, an<br>alarm is triggered when policy traffic exceeds<br>the reserved bandwidth pool size or threshold.           |  |  |
|   | • APIs:   |  |  |
|   | • RESTCONF APIs—Manually re-optimize<br>(single or multiple) SR-TE Circuit Style<br>policies. These APIs can be initiated after<br>network topology changes.  |  |  |
|   | • CSPolicyPathsOnLinks—Lists Circuit Style<br>SR-TE policies on a specified link and<br>filtered by its operational state<br>(up,down,active, and unknown) of the<br>specified policies.                          |  |  |
|   | • AllCSPolicyPaths—Lists Circuit Style<br>SR-TE policies filtered by its operational<br>state and if it has hops (segment lists).   |  |  |
|   | • CSPolicyPathsonNode—Lists all Circuit<br>Style SR-TE policies on specified nodes<br>filtered by its operational state<br>(up,down,active, and unknown).   |  |  |
|   | To view API documentation, see Cisco Devnet.  |  |  |
| Bandwidth on Demand feature pack            | In previous releases, BWoD required protected<br>adjacency SID constraints. Now user can elect<br>BWoD to prefer to use protected (default option)<br>or unprotected adjacency SIDs.                              |  |  |
|   | • The Policy Violation now has two options: Strict or Loose.  |  |  |
|   | • The process of changing delegation from one PCE to another has been improved to guarantee a clean transfer of PCE roles.  |  |  |
|   | • Enhanced batch processing of queued BWoD policy computations. The queue is initially cleared prior to running a list of new pending delegations/undelegations instead of running each delegation one at a time. |  |  |

| Feature            | What's New  |
|--------------------|---|
| Flexible Algorithm | You can now view Application-Specific Link<br>Attribute ASLA Flexible Algorithm metrics (TE<br>and Delay) in the link details:          |
|                    | <b>Note</b> ASLA is supported on PCC and core routers that are Cisco IOS XR 7.4.1 or later versions.                                    |
|                    | 1. From the Traffic Engineering topology map, click on a participating Flexible Algorithm link.   |
|                    | <ul> <li>From the Links page, click Link_Type_entry         Traffic Engineering tab &gt; General. For         example:     </li> </ul>  |
|                    | Link Details  |
|                    | General         SR-MPLS         SRv6         Tree-SID         RSVP-TE           A Side         Z Side         Xrv9k-15         xrv9k-13 |
|                    | IF Name GigabitEthernet0/0/ GigabitEthernet0/0/<br>FA Affinities<br>FA TE Metric 531 351<br>FA Delay Metric                             |
|                    | <ul> <li>An overlay on the topology map has been added when Flexible Algorithms are selected. This is</li> </ul>                        |
|                    | to help identify which Flexible Algorithms are<br>selected more easily. For example:  |
|                    | <b>Alameda</b> San Ramon<br>San Francisco San Leandro<br>Bay Dublin<br>In <b>Hayward</b> Pleasantoñ                                     |
|                    | San Mateo<br>Redwood City<br>Palo Alto<br>XViershed<br>XViershed<br>Viershed<br>Viershed  |
|                    | Sunnyvale<br>San Jose   |

| Feature | What's New   |  |
|---------|--|--|
| ree-SID | PCE warnings and path compute elements are displayed in Tree-SID policy details:                     |  |
|         | Tree-SID Policy Details           Current         History           Summary         Admin State O Up |  |
|         |  |  |
|         |  |  |
|         |  |  |
|         | Oper Status O Down 4 192.168.0.2 not<br>Label 9999   |  |
|         | Type Static (1)  |  |
|         | Programming State None   |  |
|         | Metric Type TE   |  |
|         | Constraints Exclude-Any: -<br>Include-Any: -<br>Include-All: -                                       |  |
|         | FRR Protected Disable  |  |
|         | Node Count Leaf: 3   Bud: 0   ≇ransit: 0   |  |
|         | Path Compute Elements (SR-PCEs) 172.27.226.118(Compute)  |  |
|         | Last Update 01-Aug-2023 07:23:41 PM CDT  |  |
|         | See less A   |  |

| Feature                            | What's New |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Performance Metrics of TE policies |            |

| col<br>(De<br>En;<br>To<br>1.<br>2.<br>SR<br>KP<br>Liv<br>Foi<br>Figurent<br>Eng | en Service Health is installed and SR-PM<br>ection is enabled, you can view KPI metrics<br>lay, Jitter, and Liveness) from the Traffic<br>ineering table or from the TE tunnel details.<br>view the KPI metrics for the policy:<br>Configure SR-PM on the device from the policy<br>provisioning page ( <b>Traffic Engineering</b> > <b>Traffic<br/>Engineering</b> > <b>SR-MPLS</b> or <b>RSVP</b> tab. Locate<br>the policy you are interested in from the policy<br>table and click $\overline{\cdots}$ > <b>performance metrics</b> ).<br><b>Note</b> You can configure Delay or Liveness (not<br>both) manually on the device. See the<br>device platform documentation for<br>information. For example: Segment |  |
|--|---|--|
| 1.<br>2.<br>SR<br>KP<br>Liv<br>For<br>Figurence<br>Eng                           | Configure SR-PM on the device from the policy<br>provisioning page ( <b>Traffic Engineering</b> > <b>Traffic</b><br><b>Engineering</b> > <b>SR-MPLS</b> or <b>RSVP</b> tab. Locate<br>the policy you are interested in from the policy<br>table and click ···· > <b>performance metrics</b> ).<br><b>Note</b> You can configure Delay or Liveness (not<br>both) manually on the device. See the<br>device platform documentation for  |  |
| 2.<br>SR<br>KP<br>Liv<br>For<br>Figu   | <ul> <li>provisioning page (Traffic Engineering &gt; Traffic Engineering &gt; SR-MPLS or RSVP tab. Locate the policy you are interested in from the policy table and click ···· &gt; performance metrics).</li> <li>Note You can configure Delay or Liveness (not both) manually on the device. See the device platform documentation for</li> </ul>  |  |
| SR<br>KP<br>Liv<br>For<br>Figu<br>Eng  | <b>Note</b> You can configure Delay or Liveness (not both) manually on the device. See the device platform documentation for  |  |
| SR<br>KP<br>Liv<br>For<br>Figu<br>Eng  | both) manually on the device. See the device platform documentation for   |  |
| SR<br>KP<br>Liv<br>For<br>Figu<br>Eng  | both) manually on the device. See the<br>device platform documentation for<br>information. For example: Segment<br>Routing Configuration Guide for NCS<br>540 Series Routers.   |  |
| KP<br>Liv<br>Foi<br>Figu<br>Eng  |   |  |
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| Feature                    | What's New   |
|----------------------------|--|
| Asymmetric delay for links | Traffic Engineering       Refred By: Headed or C         SR-MPLS       SRVe Tee-SID         RSVP-TE       Seeced 0 / Total 12 @         RSVP-TE Tunnels       Seeced 0 / Total 12 @         Total 1020       NCS54         NCS54       NCS54         In previous releases, only one side of the link delay value for an interface was considered during computation. When you configure delays on both remote and local nodes, the calculation of each dela on each interface is now taken into consideration whe computing a path.         Note       To configure link delay over an interface, refer to the device platform configuration guide. For example, Segment Routing Configuration Guide for Cisco NCS 540 Series Routers. |

| Feature                                    | What's New   |
|--|--|
| Unique TE tunnel and device detail URLs    | TE tunnel or device details are now assigned unique<br>URLs that can be shared. The URL sends the user to<br>the Policy or Device Details page after logging in.   |
|  | To get to the unique URL:  |
|  | • SR-MPLS, SRv6, Tree-SID, and RSVP-TE<br>tunnels —From the Traffic Engineering table,<br>click <b>Actions</b> > <b>View Details</b> for a particular<br>row.  |
|  | • Devices—From the Traffic Engineering topology map, click on a device.  |
|  | ← → C /#/raffic-engineering/device-details?device=xrv9k-16 @ ★   |
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|  | Notest     Device Details       Service &<br>Service &<br>Servic |
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| Increased performance and memory footprint | Major improvement in topology discovery time,<br>network model building, and processing cache,<br>bandwidth, metric, and TE tunnel type information.   |

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**Note** Cisco Crosswork Infrastructure is a microservices-based platform and is the foundation required for running Crosswork Optimization Engine. For a list of new Cisco Crosswork Infrastructure features, see Cisco Crosswork Network Controller 6.0.x Release Notes.

## **Compatibility Information**

The following table details Crosswork Optimization Engine support for IOS Versions, SR-PCE, and Cisco devices. A later table indicates compatibility with Cisco Crosswork applications, NSO Function Packs, and browsers.

#### **Cisco IOS Support**

We recommend that the SR-PCE version you use be equal to or higher than the PCC software version. PCC 7.11.1 is recommended and has been validated to work with Crosswork Optimization Engine 6.0 features. Other listed PCC versions are supported, but may not support all Crosswork Optimization Engine features because of PCC version limitations.



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Software Maintenance Updates (SMUs) are required for both PCC/Headend and SR-PCE versions indicated in the table. To download the Cisco IOS XR versions and updates, see the IOS XR Software Maintenance Updates (SMUs) document. The correct SMUs to download will have "Optima" or the bug ID appended to the filename. For example: asr9k-x64-7.3.2.Optima.tarorxrv9k-7.3.2.CSCvy63506.tar.

Table 2: Crosswork Optimization Engine 6.0 Support for SR-PCE 7.11.1 (by Cisco IOS Version and Headend Router Type)

| Cisco IOS XR                | Cisco ASR<br>9901 (64-bit) | Cisco XRv<br>9000 <sup>1</sup> | Cisco 8000<br>series | Cisco NCS<br>5500 series | Cisco NCS<br>540 series <sup>2</sup> | Cisco NCS 560<br>series |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 7.3.1                       | 0                          | <b>I</b>                       | 8                    |                          |                                      |                         |
| 7.3.2                       | <b>S</b>                   | <b>I</b>                       | 8                    |                          |                                      | <b>I</b>                |
| 7.4.1                       | 0                          | <b>S</b>                       | 8                    |                          |                                      |                         |
| 7.4.2                       | 0                          | <b>S</b>                       | 8                    |                          |                                      |                         |
| 7.5.2                       | 0                          | <b>I</b>                       | 0                    |                          |                                      |                         |
| 7.6.1                       | <b>S</b>                   |                                | 8                    |                          |                                      |                         |
| 7.7.1                       | <b>S</b>                   |                                | 0                    |                          |                                      |                         |
| 7.7.2                       | <b>S</b>                   | <b>S</b>                       | 0                    |                          |                                      |                         |
| 7.8.1 + SMU<br>(CSCwc93705) | •                          | 0                              |                      | ⊘                        | •                                    | <ul><li>✓</li></ul>     |
| 7.8.2                       | <b>I</b>                   | <b>I</b>                       | <b>I</b>             |                          | ⊘                                    | •                       |
| 7.9.1                       | <b>I</b>                   | <b>I</b>                       | <b>I</b>             |                          |                                      | •                       |
| 7.9.2                       | <b>S</b>                   |                                | <b>S</b>             |                          |                                      | <b>I</b>                |
| 7.10.2                      | <                          |                                | <b>S</b>             |                          |                                      | <                       |
| 7.11.1                      | <                          | <b>I</b>                       | <b>I</b>             |                          |                                      | <                       |

<sup>1</sup> The SR-PCE may be deployed on XRv9000 (VM or appliance).

<sup>2</sup> The SMU is available via the Cisco NCS 540-ACC-SYS Router or Cisco NCS 540x-ACC-SYS Router Software Download Center.

| Cisco IOS XE Version | S XE Version Cisco ASR 920 Cisco ASR 903 RSP 3 |          |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| $17.4.1^{3}$         | 0  | 8        |
| 17.5.1               | 0  | <b>S</b> |
| 17.6.3               | 0  | 8        |
| 17.7.1               | 0  | <b>S</b> |
| 17.8.1               | •  | <b>S</b> |
| 17.9.1               | 0  | <b>S</b> |
| 17.12.1              | •  | <b>S</b> |

<sup>3</sup> Supports only PCE- initiated SR-TE policy deployment.

Note

• Segment Routing Traffic Matrix (SRTM) is only available in Cisco ASR 9000 devices.

- SRv6 and Visualizing Native Path (Path Query) features are supported from PCC IOS XR 7.3.2 or later.
- Local Congestion Mitigation is supported from:
  - PCC IOS XR 7.3.2 and above for NCS 5500, NCS 560, and NCS 540
  - PCC IOS XR 7.4.1 (ASR 9000)
  - PCC IOS XR 7.5.2 and 7.7.1 for Cisco 8000
  - PCC IOS XE 17.05.1 or 17.05.1 (ASR 920/903 RSP 3)

#### **Cisco Crosswork Application, NSO Function Pack, and Browser Support**

The following table lists software versions that have been tested and are known to be compatible with Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine. For *complete* installation requirements, see the *Cisco Crosswork Network Controller 6.0 Installation Guide*.

| Hardware/Software                 | Supported Version  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Cisco Crosswork<br>Infrastructure | Version 6.0  |  |
| Crosswork Data Gateway            | Version 6.0  |  |
| Browsers                          | <ul> <li>Google Chrome—119 or later</li> <li>Mozilla Firefox—120 or later</li> </ul> |  |

## Networking Technology Support

The following is the networking support information for SR-PCE 7.11.1.

- Supported Features
- Unsupported Features

#### **Table 3: Supported Features**

| Category | Description   | Notes / Details  |
|----------|---|--|
| SR       | SR-MPLS PCE initiated policies  | Policies that are provisioned or discovered by Cisco Crosswork.  |
| SR       | PCC initiated policies and ODN policies   | Policies that are discovered by Cisco Crosswork.   |
| SR       | Explicit path SR-TE policies  | Policies that are PCC initiated<br>(SID list with labeled SID list with<br>addresses), PCE reported, PCE<br>initiated. Includes SRv6 TE<br>discovery of PCC initiated<br>policies. |
| SR       | Dynamic path SR-TE policies   | PCC computed, PCE reported,<br>PCE delegated   |
| SR       | Single consistent Segment Routing<br>Global Block (SRGB) configured on<br>routers throughout domain covered<br>by Cisco Crosswork |  |

| Category | Description  | Notes / Details  |
|----------|--|--|
| SR       | Egress Peer Engineering (EPE)<br>PeerAdjacency SIDs, PeerNode SIDs         | <ul> <li>EPE must be configured on<br/>both ends of the eBGP link<br/>to appear in Cisco<br/>Crosswork.</li> <li>EPE PeerAdjacency SIDs</li> </ul>           |
|          |  | and PeerNode SIDs are<br>represented as individual<br>links in the Crosswork UI<br>between the corresponding<br>Autonomous Systems border<br>routers (ASBR). |
|          |  | Note EPE PeerNode SIDs<br>are identified by the<br>Border Gateway<br>Protocol Router ID<br>(BGP RID)<br>Loopbacks as the A<br>and Z side link<br>interfaces. |
|          |  | • Labels for both types of EPE<br>SIDs, are shown as adjacency<br>SIDs in the Cisco Crosswork<br>UI.   |
| SR       | Prefix SID   | Regular/Strict Node SIDs + FA.<br>Includes SRv6 Locators.  |
| SR       | Adjacency SID  | B-flag (protected/unprotected),<br>P-flag (Persistent). Includes SRv6<br>Locators.   |
| SR       | SR policy optimization objective<br>min-metric (IGP, TE, and Latency)      | PCE initiated provisioning and<br>PCC initiated discovery  |
| SR       | SR policy path constraints (affinity and disjointness, protected segments) | • Only 2 SR-MPLS policies<br>per disjoint group or sub-id<br>are supported. Disjoint<br>Types: link, node, srlg,<br>srlg-node.                               |
|          |  | • Only 32-bit affinities<br>supported. EAG (RFC 7308)<br>is not reported by PCE and<br>not visualized by Cisco<br>Crosswork.                                 |

| Category | Description  | Notes / Details  |
|----------|--|--|
| SR       | Binding SID for explicit or dynamic policies   | Discovered for PCC initiated and<br>PCE initiated policies. It is<br>configurable for PCE initiated<br>policies.                       |
| SR       | Profile ID (Discovered and configurable for PCE-init)  | Parameter used for applying<br>features on PCC to PCE initiated<br>policies.   |
| SR       | Flexible Algorithm (Flex Algo) for<br>SR-MPLS and SRv6 policies  | <ul> <li>Discover and visualize node<br/>Flex Algo participation.</li> <li>Discover and visualize Flex<br/>Algo definitions</li> </ul> |
|          |  | <ul> <li>Algo definitions.</li> <li>SR policy IGP path<br/>respecting Flex Algo<br/>associated with prefix SIDs.</li> </ul>            |
|          |  | <ul> <li>Displays pruned topology<br/>participating in FlexAlgo.</li> </ul>  |
|          |  | • Preview and provision PCE initiated SRTE policies with a SID-Algo constraint.  |
| SR       | Discovery and visualization of multiple candidate paths  | —  |
| SR       | Binding SIDs as Segment List Hops<br>for SR policies   | Discovery and visualization of PCC initiated policies.   |
| SR       | Tree-SID   | Visualization and provisioning of PCE initiated policies.  |
| SR       | SR policies with Loopback IPs<br>(Prefixes) other than TE router ID for<br>headend/endpoint and prefix SIDs in<br>segment list | Prefix (node) SIDs associated with specific IGP domain / area.   |
| SR       | Maximum SID Depth (MSD)  | • Per-node Base MPLS<br>imposition MSD discovered<br>via IGP/BGP-LS.   |
|          |  | • Per-node MSD discovered via PCEP session info.   |
|          |  | • Per-policy MSD.  |
| SR       | Global Max Latency   | Configured on PCE and applied<br>to all PCE delegated SRTE<br>policies with a latency metric.  |

| Category                                       | Description   | Notes / Details  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| SR   | Inter-domain SRTE policies<br>(inter-IGP domain, inter-AS)  | PCE delegated and Bandwidth on Demand policies.  |  |
| SR Node SID reuse across different IGP domains |   | Recommended to not reuse node<br>SIDs in adjacent IP domains. Inter<br>domain explicit path policies with<br>a label-only hop that is a node SID<br>used in adjacent domains may be<br>unresolvable if hop after ABR<br>hop. |  |
| SR-IGP   | Application-Specific Link Attribute<br>(ASLA) Delay / TE metricCrosswork collects an<br>ASLA delay and TE n<br>Flex Algo topology co<br>and SRTE policy IGP |  |  |
| SR-IGP   | Visualizing native SR-IGP path       Path Query OAM feature to traceroute on device to repo actual SR-IGP multi-paths t destination node (SR-MPLS)          |  |  |
| SR   | Dynamic Circuit StylePath computation and band<br>reservation through the Cir<br>Style feature pack.  |  |  |
| RSVP   | PCE initiated tunnels (provisioned by<br>or discovered by Cisco Crosswork),<br>PCC initiated tunnels discovered by<br>Cisco Crosswork                       |  |  |
| RSVP   | ERO strict hops, ERO loose hops —<br>(PCC initiated only)   |  |  |
| RSVP   | FRR protection on Cisco Crosswork provisioned tunnels   | —  |  |
| RSVP   | Path optimization objective<br>min-metric (IGP TE Latency)  |  |  |
| RSVP   | Path constraints (affinity, disjointness)   | Only 2 RSVP tunnels per disjoint group or sub-id   |  |
| RSVP   | Binding Label (explicit   dynamic)  | -  |  |
| RSVP   | Signaled Bandwidth  | Signaled Bandwidth —   |  |
| RSVP   | Setup and Hold Priority —   |  |  |

| Category  | Description                       | Notes / Details   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|
| RSVP      | Path Protection (partial support) | Paths discovered as independent<br>tunnels if multiple paths are up.<br>Cisco XR only reports active path.<br>Other vendors may report all<br>active paths. |
| РСЕР      | PCEP Session discovery            | Each PCEP session a PCC has<br>with a PCE along with its details<br>is displayed as part of node details  |
| IPv4/IPv6 | Dual Stack IPv4 or IPv6           | Nodes can be IPv4, IPv6 or<br>IPv4/IPv6 capable   |
| IPv4      | Unnumbered Interfaces (partial)   | Topology discovery, SR policies<br>with unnumbered IF hops<br>discovery/provisioning, LCM<br>policy support   |
| IPv6      | IPv6 Link Local Interfaces        | Discovery of IPv6 link local<br>interfaces as part of topology and<br>as a hop in an SRv6 TE policy   |
| IPv6      | IPv6 Router ID                    | Nodes with IPv6 and IPv6 Router<br>ID only with support for SRv6<br>only  |

#### Table 4: Unsupported Features and Limitations

| Category | Description  | Notes / Details   |
|----------|--|---|
| SR       | Provisioning multiple candidate paths via Cisco<br>Crosswork |   |
| SR       | Per-Flow Policies (PFP)                                      | PFP (ODN or manually<br>configured) not supported in<br>PCEP. This PFP is the mapping of<br>forward class to PDP with<br>matching color and EP.<br>Underlying PDP is reported as<br>normal. |

| Category | Description   | Notes / Details   |
|----------|---|---|
| SR       | Multiple segment lists per candidate path                               | This configuration is not supported in Crosswork.   |
|          |   | These segment lists will not be discovered if configured on a PCC.  |
|          |   | High level requirements:  |
|          |   | • Discover multiple segment<br>lists (with weights) per policy<br>(TopoSvc, PCE, PCC)   |
|          |   | • Provision multiple segment<br>lists (with weights) per policy<br>(UI, PCED, PCE, PCC)   |
|          |   | • Visualize including showing IGP paths (UI, OE)  |
|          |   | • Compute paths of policies<br>with multiple segment lists<br>for LCM (OE, LCM)   |
| SR       | Anycast SIDs  |   |
| SR       | SR policy provisioned (SR-PCE initiated) with<br>IPv6 endpoints or hops |   |
| SR       | SR-MPLS policy optimization objective min-metric with margin            | Not supported for policies<br>provisioned by Cisco Crosswork.<br>Margin is not discovered for PCC<br>initiated policies.  |
| SR       | SR-MPLS policy constraints (resource exclusion or metric bound)         | Not supported for policies<br>provisioned by Cisco Crosswork.<br>Constraints are not discovered for<br>PCC initiated policies.  |
| SR       | Heterogeneous SRGBs   | Different SRGBs configured on<br>nodes are not supported. SRGB<br>must be configured to ensure<br>proper discovery and visualization<br>of SR policy paths.             |
| SR       | Egress Peer Engineering (EPE) Peer Set SIDs                             | No discovery  |
| SR       | Routers that are not SR-capable   | All nodes assumed SR capable<br>when computing SR policy IGP<br>paths. LCM and BWoD SR policy<br>path computation will not exclude<br>non-SR capable nodes in IGP path. |

| Category | Description  | Notes / Details  |
|----------|--|--|
| SRv6     | PCE initiated provisioning of SRv6 policies is — not supported.  |  |
| SRv6     | Traffic collection on SRv6 policies is not currently supported.  | Requires telemetry (gNMI) for<br>policy counters (no SNMP<br>support)  |
| IGP      | ISIS Overload bit  | Affects IGP paths for all policies<br>and PCE path computation<br>(BWoD, LCM). PCE reports but<br>does not process.  |
| IGP      | OSPF MADJ Interfaces   | No support for discovering OSPF<br>Multi-area adjacencies  |
| IGP      | Multiple IGP instances on same interface Single interface that pain multiple IGP instances on same of the supported. |  |
| IGP      | Cisco Crosswork supports L1 or L2 adjacencies<br>on links but not both on the same link.                             | _  |
| RSVP     | Configuring loose hop Explicit Route Object<br>(ERO) in Crosswork  | Only strict hops can be configured.<br>If strict hops are not configured<br>for every hop along the path and<br>those hops are not remote interface<br>IPs or loopbacks, unexpected<br>behavior may occur                                |
| RSVP     | Named tunnels configured on PCCs   | Required for Juniper RSVP HEs  |
| RSVP     | Tunnels with Loopback IPs other than TE router       —         ID for headend/endpoint and path hops                 |  |
| RSVP     | Display of active FRR protected path in UI   | Cisco Crosswork will discover<br>FRR tunnels which are displayed<br>in UI but will not associate an<br>actively protected tunnel with the<br>FRR tunnel. Path in UI will not<br>include FRR protected path when<br>protection is active. |
| RSVP     | P2MP tunnels   | —  |
| RSVP     | Path protected RSVP LSPs   | No association between paths discovered.   |

| Category  | Description   | Notes / Details  |
|-----------|---|--|
| LDP       | Local Congestion Mitigation (LCM) in Mixed<br>SR/LDP networks   | LCM will not work in a mixed<br>SR/LDP network with PEs that are<br>LDP only. LDP traffic destined to<br>the LDP-only egress PE attempted<br>to be steered into Autoroute LCM<br>tactical polices will be blackholed |
| IPv4      | IPv4 Unnumbered Interfaces  | BWoD, Circuit Style Support, and<br>RSVP   |
| IPv4/IPv6 | Secondary IP addresses for interfaces   | Not supported. Unpredictable behavior if discovered.   |
| IPv4/IPv6 | Pv4/IPv6     Overlapping IP addresses in different IGP domains     IP addresses in different IGP nodes (response) |  |
| IPv6      | IPv6 Router ID  | SR and RSVP not supported (SRv6 only)  |

## **Installation Notes**

Cisco Crosswork Infrastructure (Cisco Crosswork) is a microservices-based platform that must be installed prior to installing Crosswork Optimization Engine. For complete installation steps, see the Cisco Crosswork Network Controller 6.0 Installation Guide.



Note

Download the Crosswork Optimization Engine Application tar.gz file to a directory on your machine. After Cisco Crosswork and Cisco Crosswork Data Gateway are installed, install Crosswork Optimization Engine using the Cisco Crosswork UI (Administration > Crosswork Manager > Application Management > Applications tab > Add File). For more information, see Step 2 in Install Crosswork Applications).

## **Upgrade Crosswork Optimization Engine Feature Packs**

If you have enabled feature packs (CSM, LCM, or BWoD) in Crosswork Optimization Engine 5.0 and want to upgrade to Crosswork Optimization Engine 6.0, you must perform the following tasks prior to upgrading:

#### LCM

• From the LCM Configuration page:

- 1. Set the **Delete Tactical SR Policies when Disabled** option to **False**. This task must be done prior to disabling LCM so that tactical polices deployed by LCM remain in the network after the upgrade.
- 2. Set the **Enable** option to **False**. If LCM remains enabled, there is a chance that tactical policies may be deleted after the upgrade.
- **3.** Note all options (Basic and Advanced) in the LCM **Configuration** page so that you can confirm the same configuration has been migrated after the upgrade.

- Export the current list of interfaces managed by LCM (Traffic Engineering > Local Congestion Mitigation > Export icon). Confirm the interfaces are valid by reimporting the CSV file without errors. For more information, see "Add Individual Interface Thresholds".
- After the upgrade, wait until the **Traffic Engineering** page shows all the nodes and links before enabling LCM

#### Note:

*After the system is stable and before enabling domains for LCM*, confirm that the migration of previously monitored interfaces has completed and that each domain has the expected configuration options.

- 1. Navigate to Administration > Alarms > All > Events and enter LCM to filter the Source column.
- 2. Look for the following event: "Migration complete. All migrated LCM interfaces and policies are mapped to their IGP domains". If this message does not appear wait for the Congestion Check Interval period (set in the LCM Configuration page), then restart LCM (Administration > Crosswork Manager > Optimization Engine > optima-lcm > ... > Restart).
- 3. Wait until the optima-lcm service changes from Degraded to Healthy state.
- For each domain, navigate to the Configuration page and verify the options have been migrated successfully. If the domain configurations are incorrect, restart LCM (Administration > Crosswork Manager > Optimization Engine > optima-lcm > ... > Restart).
- 5. Check the Events page for the event mentioned above and the Configuration page to verify the options.



Note

- If the confirmation message does not appear or domain configuration options are incorrect, then contact Cisco Technical support and provide them with showtech information and the exported Link Management CSV file.
- You can also manually add missing interfaces that were previously monitored or update domain configuration options *after* the system is stable.

#### CSM

- Set the Enable option to False.
- Note all options (Basic and Advanced) in the CSM **Configuration** page so that you can confirm the same configuration has been migrated after the upgrade.
- After the upgrade, wait until the **Traffic Engineering** page shows all the nodes and links before enabling CSM.
- Circuit Style SR-TE policies will go to operation down (Oper Down) state if CSM is not enabled within 8 hours after disabling.

#### BWoD

• Set the **Enable** option to **False**. If BWoD remains enabled, there is a chance that tactical policies may be deleted after the upgrade

- Note all options (Basic and Advanced) in the BWoD **Configuration** page so that you can confirm the same configuration has been migrated after the upgrade.
- After the upgrade, wait until the **Traffic Engineering** page shows all the nodes and links before enabling BWoD.

## **Product Documentation**

The following table lists the guides that Cisco provides for Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine.

Visit the Cisco Crosswork Network Controller Information Center to find direct links to topics within functional areas. You also can access all Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine end user documentation at https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/cloud-systems-management/crosswork-optimization-engine/model.html.



Note

We sometimes update the documentation after original publication. Therefore, you should always review the documentation on Cisco.com for any updates.

#### Table 5:

| Documentation Title  | What is Included  |
|--|---|
| Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine 6.0 Release<br>Notes     | This document   |
| Cisco Crosswork Network Controller 6.0 Installation<br>Guide | Shared installation guide for all the Cisco Crosswork applications and their common infrastructure. Covers: |
|  | System requirements   |
|  | • Installation prerequisites  |
|  | • Installation instructions   |
|  | • Upgrade instructions  |

| Documentation Title   | What is Included  |
|---|---|
| Cisco Crosswork Network Controller 6.0<br>Administration Guide      | Shared administration guide for all the Cisco<br>Crosswork applications and their common<br>infrastructure. Covers:               |
|   | • Managing clusters and data gateway  |
|   | Data collection   |
|   | • High availability   |
|   | Backup and restore  |
|   | Onboard and manage devices  |
|   | Zero touch provisioning   |
|   | • Set up maps   |
|   | • Managing users, access and security   |
|   | • Maintain system health  |
| Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine 6.0 User Guide                  | Getting started   |
|   | • Setting up and monitoring the network   |
|   | <ul> <li>Monitoring SR-TE (SRv6 and SR-MPLS)<br/>policies and RSVP-TE tunnels</li> </ul>  |
|   | • Provisioning SR-MPLS policies and RSVP-TE tunnels   |
|   | Mitigating network congestion   |
|   | • Defining and maintaining intent-based bandwidth requirements  |
| Open Source Software Used in Cisco Crosswork<br>Optimization Engine | Lists of licenses and notices for open source software<br>used in Cisco Crosswork Optimization Engine.                            |
| API Documentation   | Advanced users can extend the Cisco Crosswork<br>functionality using the APIs. API documentation is<br>available on Cisco Devnet. |

#### **Related Product Documentation**

You can access documentation for all Cisco Crosswork products at https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/cloud-systems-management/crosswork-network-automation/tsd-products-support-series-home.html

## **Known Issues and Limitations**

The following section details the known issues and limitations for Cisco Crosswork Optimization.

#### **TE Dashboard**

- Traffic Utilization is not supported on Tree-SID and SRv6 policies.
- You cannot view the IGP path on the historical data when an event is selected.
- The metric type for BWoD policies are not visible on the TE Dashboard.
- Hop count metric and BWoD type are not shown in the TE Dashboard under metric/policy type.
- State and Path change events are not visible in the Historic tab of a policy until you zoom in by 5 to 6 clicks.

#### **IPv4 Unnumbered Interfaces**

- Bandwidth on Demand and SR Circuit Style Manager feature packs will not factor in IPv4 unnumbered interfaces.
- Tree-SID policies are not supported.
- RSVP-TE PCE-initiated tunnels are not supported.

#### **Tree-SID**

- Only static Tree-SID policies can be created via the UI. Also, you can only update and delete static Tree-SID policies that have been created via the UI.
- Tree-SID policies are only supported on devices running Cisco IOS XR software.
- PCE HA is not supported if the static Tree-SID policy was configured manually on the device (not via the UI).
- Tree-SID policies are not deleted from the UI when the SR-PCE in HA mode is down.
- IPv4 Unnumbered interfaces are not supported.
- Tree-SID policies are not supported in Label Switch Multicast (LSM) routing. In cases where LSM is enabled, IGP updates and traffic utilization data are not supported.
- LCM will not operate in portions of the network carrying Tree-SID LSPs.
- On Cisco 8000 Series Routers, only static Tree-SID policies with leaf role are supported.
- The RestConf API is not supported.
- Tree-SID policy details do not show IPv6 router ID or SRv6 core information.

#### **SR-MPLS**

- In the SR-MPLS provisioning screen and while previewing an SR-MPLS policy with an IPv6 address, a parsing error is displayed instead of correct error message: "Request Failed. Endpoint address is IPv6, IPv6 provisioning is not supported yet."
- Updating the SID constraint on an existing policy is not allowed by the SR-PCE. The modification screen gives a successful update message, instead of a warning message that it is not allowed.

#### APIs

- The Topology API cannot discover and report IPv6 Link-Local style links.
- The Dashboard Export API cannot export CSV files to an external location. It can only export to /mnt/cw\_glusterfs/bricks/rscoean/export.

#### BWoD

 BWoD gets disabled when SR Policy Traffic field has 'Measured' selected and Policy Violation field has 'Strict' selected.

#### PCE Initiated SR-TE Policy and RSVP-TE Tunnel Behavior After an High Availability Switchover

After a switchover in a High Availability setup, PCE initiated SR-TE policies and RSVP-TE tunnels created after the last cluster data synchronization will not be manageable and are considered orphan TE policies. Crosswork will display an alarm when it finds orphan TE policies (**Administration > Alarms**). You can use APIs to help clear these orphan policies so that they are manageable. For more information, see API documentation on Devnet.

#### Bugs

If you encounter problems while working with Cisco Crosswork, please check this list of open bugs (.xlsx file). Each bug ID in the list links to a more detailed description and workaround. You can use the Cisco Bug Search Tool to search for bugs.

- **1.** Go to the Cisco Bug Search Tool.
- 2. Enter your registered Cisco.com username and password, and click Log In.

The Bug Search page opens.



Note If you do not have a Cisco.com username and password, you can register here.

- 3. To search for all Cisco Crosswork bugs, from the Product list select Cloud and Systems Management > Routing and Switching Management > Cisco Crosswork Network Automation and enter additional criteria (such as bug ID, problem description, a feature, or a product name) in the Search For field. Examples: "Optimization Engine" or "CSCwc62479".
- 4. When the search results are displayed, use the filter tools to narrow the results. You can filter the bugs by status, severity, and so on.

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