



MPLS VPN Solution Troubleshooting Guide

This chapter describes how to recognize and troubleshoot problems you might encounter when deploying MPLS VPN Solution services.

General Topics

1. **Question:** I executed an *Add VPN Service to CE* followed by a *Deploy Service Requests*, then I selected *Generate Audit Reports*. However, the All VPN Service Requests Report indicates that the service request is not in either a Deployed or Functional state. Where do I look?

Answer: If the service request is in the Requested, Invalid, or the Failed Deploy state, refer to the “Provisioning Problems” section on page 7-3. However, if the service request is stuck in Pending, refer to the “Auditing Problems” section on page 7-10.

2. **Question:** What are the service deployment states? What do they mean?

Answer: Table 7-1 describes the VPN service request deployment states.

Table 7-1 Summary of MPLS VPN Service Request Types

Service Request Type	Description
<i>Broken</i>	While the router is correctly configured, the service is unavailable (due to a broken cable or Layer 2 problem, for example). A service request moves to Broken if the Auditor finds the routing and forwarding tables for this service, but they do not match the service intent.
<i>Closed</i>	A service request moves to Closed if the service request should no longer be used during the provisioning or auditing process. A service request moves to the Closed state only upon a successful audit of a remove request. MPLS VPN Solution does not remove a service request from the database to allow for extended auditing. Only a specific administrator action results in service requests being removed.
<i>Deployed</i>	A service request moves to Deployed if the configlet commands have been verified as found in the router configuration file. Deployed indicates that the configuration file has been downloaded to the router, and the intent of the request has been verified at the configuration level.

Table 7-1 Summary of MPLS VPN Service Request Types (continued)

Service Request Type	Description
<i>Failed Deploy</i>	<p>After provisioning occurred, the service request failed to download the configlets to the router. A service request moves to Failed Deploy if an error was detected during the deployment process by the Cisco IP Manager (CIPM). If CIPM is not being used to download configlets, and the product is simply exporting configlets to a directory, there is no way to distinguish between a service request in the Failed Deploy and Pending states. There are two causes for Failed Deploy status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIPM reports to VPIM that the download failed (lost connection, bad password, etc.). • The object could not establish configuration-level verification of intent. <p>If the configlets are exported to a directory, the service request cannot move into a Failed Deploy state.</p>
<i>Functional</i>	A service request moves to Functional when the Auditor finds the VPN routing and forwarding tables (VRF) for this service and they match with the service intent. This state requires configuration-level verification.
<i>Invalid</i>	Indicates that the service request information is incorrect in some way. A service request moves to Invalid if the request was either internally inconsistent or not consistent with the rest of the existing network/router configurations (for example, no more interfaces were available on the router). The VPN Provisioning Inventory Manager (VPIM) server cannot generate configlets to service this request.
<i>Lost</i>	A service request moves to Lost when the Auditor cannot find a configuration-level verification of intent in the router configuration files. The service request was deployed, but now some or all router configuration information is missing. A service request can move to the Lost state <i>only</i> when the service request had been Deployed or Functional.
<i>Pending</i>	<p>A service request moves to Pending when the VPN Provisioning Inventory Manager (VPIM) server determines that the request looks consistent and was able to generate the required configlets for this request. Pending indicates that the service request has generated the configlets and the configlets are successfully downloaded to the routers.</p> <p>The Auditor regards pending service requests as new requests and begins the audit. If the service has been freshly provisioned and not yet audited, it is not an error (pending audit). However, if an audit is done and the service is still pending, it is in an error state.</p>
<i>Requested</i>	If the service is newly entered and not yet deployed, it is not an error. However, if a Deploy is done and it remains Requested, the service is in an error state.

3. **Question:** Which of the error states are due to provisioning and which are due to auditing?

Answer: Requested (after provisioning), Invalid, and Failed Deploy are due to error conditions in provisioning. Pending (after auditing), Lost, and Broken are due to error conditions in auditing.

Provisioning Problems

The MPLS VPN Solution provisioning system has the following functions:

1. Collect the PE router configuration files (PE-upload)
2. Collect the CE router configuration files (CE-upload)
3. Provisioning
4. Write the changed configuration information to the PE (PE-DownLoad)
5. Write the changed configuration information to the CE (CE-DownLoad)

Functions 1, 2, 4, and 5 are executed by a server called the Download to IPM (DIPM) server. For more information on the DIPM Server, see “The Download to IPM (DIPM) Server” section on page A-1.

Errors in functions 1 or 2 lead to functions 3, 4, and 5 being skipped. The two servers involved in provisioning are CVPIM Server and CNGS Server. These are CORBA servers.

The provisioning engine has a model of the router. This router model is modified as necessary to introduce attributes to support the service request.

1. **Question:** What is the flow of the provisioning operation?

Answer:

The program that runs all these functions is called *VPIMDownLoadClient*. VPIM DownLoad Client is a client to the CVPIM server. VPIM DownLoad Client initializes the provisioning by making a CORBA call to the CVPIM server.

The CVPIM server calls the DIPM server to perform functions 1 and 2. After the product uploads the fresh configuration files from the router, it provisions the service request and calls the CNGS server for the changes.

After a successful operation to update the configlet with the necessary changes, the CVPIM server calls the DIPM server to download the new configlets to the routers (that is, functions 4 and 5).

If functions 1 or 2 fail, the other functions are skipped, and the service request stays in the Requested state.

If function 3 fails, the service request becomes Invalid.

If function 3 succeeds, but functions 4 or 5 fail, the service request moves to the Failed Deploy state.

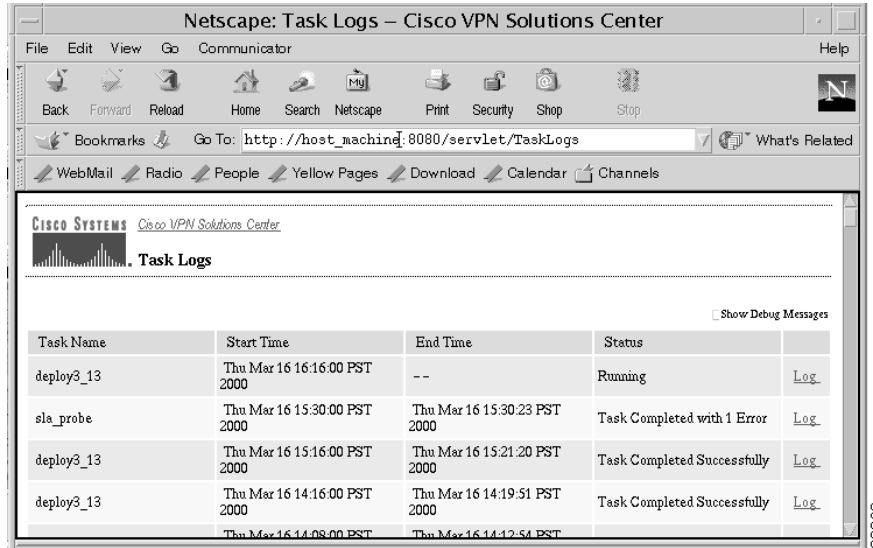
2. **Question:** Where can I see how the provisioning functions performed in my audit?

Answer: The first place to look at is in the Task Logs:

- a. From the VPN Console, choose **Tools > Task Logs**.

The browser opens and displays the MPLS VPN Solution Task Logs, as shown in Figure 7-1.

Figure 7-1 MPLS VPN Solution Task Logs Browser



- b. Choose the task that was run for this deployment.

The task name is the name you assigned. The tasks are listed in reverse chronological order (with the latest one first).

- c. Click the **Log** link (in the rightmost column).

Summary information appears in the left pane.

Figure 7-2 Task Log Summary Information and Action Report

The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window titled "Netscape: Task Logs - Cisco VPN Solutions Center". The address bar shows the URL "http://sclowe-u10:8080/servlet/TaskLogs". The page content includes a "Task Logs" section with a table of task entries. Below the table, there is a detailed view of a task named "sla_probe".

Task Name	Start Time	End Time	Status	
deploy3_13	Thu Mar 16 16:16:00 PST 2000	Thu Mar 16 16:21:15 PST 2000	Task Completed Successfully	Log
sla_probe	Thu Mar 16 15:30:00 PST 2000	Thu Mar 16 15:30:23 PST 2000	Task Completed with 1 Error	Log
deploy3_13	Thu Mar 16 15:16:00 PST 2000	Thu Mar 16 15:21:20 PST 2000	Task Completed Successfully	Log
deploy3_13	Thu Mar 16 14:16:00 PST 2000	Thu Mar 16 14:19:51 PST 2000	Task Completed Successfully	Log

Task: sla_probe
 Task Completed with 1 Error
 Start: Thu Mar 16 15:30:00 PST 2000
 End: Thu Mar 16 15:30:23 PST 2000

Actions
[CollectSLAData](#)
 Start: Thu Mar 16 15:30:07 PST 2000
 End: Thu Mar 16 15:30:22 PST 2000

ACTION REPORT

About to start execution of action CollectSLAData of task SlaTask
 Command to execute: execjava.sh netsys.datacollector.rtr.Rtr -pollerhost sclowe-u10.cisco.com -inputfile /opt/vpnadm/Repository/slainput953075386082_sclowe-u10.cisco.com.sladat -debug 2 -outdir /opt/vpnadm/vpn/tmp/SlaTask.CollectSLAData953249410249 -taskid sla_probe_953075626896_16_03_2000_15_30_00 -actionid 1

Starting SAA Data collector
 Warning: [] There is no catalog for SLADEF in the repository
 [] Cannot resolve router acme_cel.serviceprovider.com using DNS.
 [] Trying to ping each of its interfaces. This takes some time.
 [] Ping succeeded using 192.168.115.76 for device acme_cel.serviceprovider.com
 [] Router acme_cel.serviceprovider.com does not have correct SAA image on it
 [] Router initialization failed. Will not be able to perform SAA operations
 [] Unable to create instance for router acme_cel.serviceprovider.com. No SAA operations can be performed on this router.

d. To see the Action Report, click the link under the **Actions** heading.

The Action Report appears.

3. **Question:** My service request is stuck in the Requested state. Where should I go to look for errors?

Answer: In the Task Log Summary Table, look at the PE-UpLoad and CE-UpLoad information for that service request. One or both of them should say "Fail." This makes the rest of them "skipped." Thus, the service request remains in the Requested state.

4. **Question:** I tried the link to the Task Log Summary table, but the table isn't displayed.

Answer: Check at the top of the frame for a set of links: **Stdout/Stderr Errors**. Stdout/Stderr gives you the messages that were displayed to the terminal when the VPIMDownloadClient program runs. From this, you can see whether and how the client application ran. All abnormal terminations would be reported. Similarly, Errors lists the error messages reported by the client.

5. **Question:** When I try to access the Log Summary Table, I see a "Fatal Error" message displayed. What happened?

Answer: Click the **Stdout/Stderr** link and view the output.

First, being a CORBA client, did it connect to the CORBA server?

If it did not, you see a number for "Retrying Connection" lines, followed by these lines (at the very end):

Caught exception when pinging VPIMManager: SYSTEM_EXCEPTION:10085–Communication failure–no server at host: your_host_name [Completion status: COMPLETED_NO]

This message means that the CVPIM Server is not running. Invoke wdgui and take the appropriate actions:

- a. If disabled, issue the following command:


```
wdclient start CVPIMServer.
```
- b. If disabled-dependent, see which of the dependent server(s) are disabled.
- c. If the lock_manager is not running, restart Watchdog.

6. **Question:** I do not see the task in the Task Log. What happened?

The typical reasons for this are as follows:

- The Task Scheduler has crashed and it is disabled.
- The Task Scheduler is malfunctioning
- The Task Scheduler is “disabled-dependent.”

In each of these cases, the scheduled job does not run and no task log is produced.

- a. Use wdgui to check the state of the Task Scheduler.
- b. If the Task Scheduler is disabled, issue the following command:


```
wdclient start scheduler
```
- c. If the Task Scheduler is “disabled-dependent,” some of the dependent servers (such as the lock_manager and the EventServiceServer monitor poller) did not start. Start them by issuing the command:

```
wdclient start server_name
```

If the dependent servers are started, then Task Scheduler starts automatically.

7. **Question:** I see in the wdlog that the Task Scheduler is up and running. Yet my scheduled task is not running. What’s wrong?

Answer: When the Task Scheduler starts, it automatically picks up pending requests. However, there are cases in which it may not. Watch the wdgui messages for the Task Scheduler for a few minutes. If the Task Scheduler does not start after a few minutes, schedule the task again.

If the Task Scheduler is malfunctioning, do the following:

- a. Check the wdgui information for the Task Scheduler. Does this show any abnormality?
- b. If not, go to the Task dialog box and issue a refresh.
- c. Does the task still show up as active?
- d. Note the time it is supposed to start.

Has the time already passed (as shown by the system clock where the Task Scheduler is running)?
- e. In these cases, delete the earlier task and reschedule. After a few minutes, check the wdgui Task Scheduler information for any activity or messages.
- f. If there are any abnormal error messages in the Task Scheduler, read the messages and take the recommended corrective action.
- g. However, if there are no messages, or the messages are not understandable, delete the old task from the task dialog box and restart the Task Scheduler by the command: wdclient restart Task Scheduler.
- h. When the Task Scheduler starts, reschedule the command.

- i. If the problem persists, stop the Watchdog.
- j. Wait for two minutes, then restart the Watchdog with the **startwd** command.

Do not forget to delete the active task before restarting Watchdog. Wait until the servers stabilize before you reschedule the task.

8. **Question:** My service request is in the Invalid state. How do I correct the problem?

Answer: When a service request is in moved to Invalid, it is because the request cannot be serviced. Either something asked for in the service request cannot be serviced or there was an internal error.

- a. Bring up is Task Log Summary table at the Task Logs browser page by choose **Tools > Task Logs**.

You can also access this information from your browser by entering this URL:

`http://vpn_host:8080/servlet/TaskLogs`

Refer to the Questions 2 and 3 in this section for additional information.

- b. In the Task Log Summary table, click **Fail** (under Provision).

This takes you to the description of what error condition was noticed during the provisioning. In some cases, this may give a more detailed error message.

Another place to find internal error information is from the VPN Console.

- a. From the VPN Console, choose **Provisioning > List all Service Requests**.

The All VPN Service Requests Report appears. Notice that the service request is Invalid.

- b. Click **Request Details**.

- c. Scroll to the end where you will find this line:

“Moved to Invalid by VPIM,” followed by the reason. In some cases, this may include a summarized error message.

- d. Read the error message and note the incorrect value(s) entered.

- e. From the All VPN Service Request Report, click **Provisioning** and choose **Modify VPN Service** (see the “Modifying an Existing Service” section on page 4-18).

- f. Correct the errors in the modified request and redeploy the service request.

9. **Question:** What does the error code “10085—Communication failure” mean and how should I respond to it?

Answer: This is the internal error discussed in Question 8.

The “Communication failure” message indicates that the CNGS Server is down or not working properly.

- a. If the CNGS Server is not running, issue the command:

```
wdclient start CNGSServer
```

- b. If the CNGS Server is running, issue the command:

```
wdclient restart CNGSServer
```

After getting the CNGS Server running again, you need to force service deployment.

- c. To do this, choose **Provisioning > List all Service Requests**.

The All VPN Service Request Report appears.

Figure 7-3 All VPN Service Request Report

ID	Type	State	PE Router	CE Router	Customer	VPN	Created At
1	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe2	acme_ce1	Acme	AcmeVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
2	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe5	acme_ce2	Acme	AcmeVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
3	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe3	acme_ce3	Acme	AcmeVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
4	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe1	acme_ce4	Acme	AcmeVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
5	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe2	gadgets_c...	Gadgets	GadgetsVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
6	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe2	gadgets_c...	Gadgets	GadgetsVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
7	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe4	gadgets_c...	Gadgets	GadgetsVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
8	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe4	gadgets_c...	Gadgets	GadgetsVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
9	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe3	gadgets_c...	Gadgets	GadgetsVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
...	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe1	gadgets_c...	Gadgets	GadgetsVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
...	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe2	widggets_c...	Widgets	WidgetsVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
...	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe5	widggets_c...	Widgets	WidgetsVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
...	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe4	widggets_c...	Widgets	WidgetsVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
...	Add VPN Servi...	Deploy...	pe3	widggets_c...	Widgets	WidgetsVPN	2000/01/24 Mon 11:3
...	Add VPN Servi...	Invalid	pe2	gadgets_c...	Gadgets	GadgetsVPN	2000/02/04 Fri 18:02
...	Add VPN Servi...	Invalid	pe1	mgmt_ce	Manageme...	MyServiceProvider_gray_mgmt_v...	2000/03/13 Mon 14:5
...	Add VPN Servi...	Invalid	pe5	widggets_c...	Widgets	WidgetsVPN	2000/03/13 Mon 16:2

- d. Select the Invalid service request.
 - e. From the **Provisioning** drop-down menu, choose **Deploy VPN Service**.
 - f. If you have multiple Invalid requests, then either repeat this procedure for all service requests or choose **Provisioning > Deploy Service Requests**.
 - g. Be sure to click the **Deploy selected service requests** radio button.
10. **Question:** My service request is in the Failed Deploy state. How should I address the problem?

Answer: Failed Deploy indicates that there is an error while downloading the changed configlets back to the router (refer to Table 7-1 on page 7-1 for more information).

The procedure described for an Invalid request (see Question 8) pertains here as well. However, in the Task Logs Summary table, look at the PE-Download or CE-Download information. That is where the error is. Take the link from there.

The cause of the problem could be either one of two possibilities: 1) while the configuration changes were downloading, the link to the router(s) was dropped or 2) a configuration command that was sent to a router invoked a warning or error message.

- a. First, read the error message and try to understand it. Was it a communication error?
- b. If so, Telnet to the router from the MPLS VPN Solution workstation. Get the communication to work first.
- c. Redeploy the service request by choosing **Provisioning > List All Service Requests**.
- d. From the All VPN Service Requests Report, click **Provisioning**, and choose **Deploy VPN Services**.

If the error was due to a command that generated a warning or error, the router may have rejected the command because the version of the Cisco IOS on the router does not support it. If the problem persists, contact the Cisco Technical Assistance Center and provide a) the Command Rejected information, and b) the **show version** output from the router.

11. **Question:** I've received the error "CORBA generated exception." Now even if I start the CNGS Server and redeploy, I get this error and the service request is Invalid.

Answer: It is likely that the CNGS Server has crashed.

- a. Check to see whether it is disabled or starting. Initially, the CNGS Server is running.
 - b. Redeploy the service *without* doing an audit (this skips automatic audit saving time and complexity).
 - c. Find the state remaining in Invalid with 1) the error being “CORBA generated exception” and 2) CNGS Server is disabled or starting.
 - d. Go to the tmpdir (as given in netsys.tmpdir.unix in the csm.properties file) and see if you find a core dump.
 - e. If so, preserve the core file and both the PE’s and CE’s configuration files.
 - f. Tar the Repository at this stage (including the PE CE configurations) and submit the tar file along with the core file to the Cisco Support Staff.
12. **Question:** When downloading router configuration files via Cisco IP Manager, how can I see exactly what is happening?

Answer: The best way is to turn on the Telnet trace for the Cisco IP Manager Network Element Manager server, or nem_server. You can do this while the Cisco IP Manager system is running by executing the following command (which is located on the Cisco IP Manager system in the Cisco IP Manager SRVRS directory):

```
setTelnetTraceOn
```

The output is displayed in the terminal window where the Cisco IP Manager system was started. You need to run this command only once. The command writes a trace flag into a configuration file for the nem_server expect scripts. The Telnet trace can also be logged to a file.

Start the Cisco IP Manager system as follows:

```
ipmgr.launch -T trace_files_dir all
```

For detailed information on configuring and starting Cisco IP Manager, refer to Chapter 3, “Installation and Configuration” in the *Cisco IP Manager (Lite) User’s Guide, Version 2.0*.

The Telnet trace is placed in the *nem.trace* file in the directory specified. On the MPLS VPN Solution system, you can use the Watchdog GUI to check the DIPM Server log file to monitor the uploading and downloading of router configuration files via the Cisco IP Manager nem_server. If more detail is needed, you can enable additional logging information by setting the property *DIPMServer.debugLevel* to **3** in the csm.properties file. For this to take effect, you must restart the DIPM Server.

Auditing Problems

Both the *Audit new service requests* and *Audit existing service requests* audit types provide two tests: a deployed test and—if specified by checking *Use VPN routing information during audits* in the task window—a routing test. These tests are performed in that order. However, if the deployed test fails, the routing test is not performed.

The *deployed test* tests whether the router configuration files reflect the service request intent. MPLS VPN Solution takes the configuration files and builds a “model router” from the configuration information. The deployed test builds a software model of the router and audits it. Hence this makes our audit “attribute based.”

However, the deployed test cannot determine whether the service is actually running. The *routing test* (“audit routing”) tests whether the VPN routing tables indicate the service is present.

If the service request fails an Audit New Service Request, it is kept in Pending. If the service request passes this audit and audit routing is enabled (by checking *Use VPN routing information during audits* in the task window), MPLS VPN Solution tests whether there is adequate data for audit routing. If the audit does not have the data or the *Use VPN routing information during audits* is not checked, the service request moves to Deployed.

If the routing test passes, the service request moves to Functional. If the routing test fails, the service request is Broken.

The starting state for an Audit Existing Service Request can be Deployed, Lost, Functional, or Broken (refer to Table 7-1 on page 7-1). In each case, the deployed and routing tests are performed in order.

If the deployed test fails, the service request moves to (or remains in) the Lost state. If the routing test fails, the service request moves to (or remains in) the Broken state. If the deployed test succeeds, the service request moves to (or remains in) the Deployed state; if the ensuing routing test succeeds, the service request moves to (or remains in) the Functional state.

1. **Question:** My service request is stuck in Pending or Lost. How do I find out what went wrong?

Answer:

- a. For a service request stuck in Pending, generate a service request audit report and select the *Audit new service requests* checkbox. In the report window, select **Audit Details**.
For a service request stuck in Lost, generate a service request audit report and select the *Audit existing service requests* checkbox. In the report window, select **Audit Details**.
This gives you the audit trace for both the PE and CE. There are two columns—one for the PE and other for the CE.
- b. Look in the “Audit Status” row.
For the audit to pass, both should say “Success.” However, as the service request is stuck in Pending or Lost, one or both of them should say “Failure.”
- c. Go to the column and read through the audit details.
One or both of the tests would fail and the audit details explains why it failed. (This is usually reported in the next-to-last line.)
- d. Read the error information.
The problem is usually missing or wrong configuration information on the router. Has this configuration command generated in the configlet? The configlet for the router is given below in the same column.
- e. See if the command is present, and if present, whether it is correct.

- f. If you feel that the command is incorrect and should be changed, contact Cisco Support for help.
 - g. If the command is correct, press the corresponding router configuration button.
The router configuration on which the auditing was performed is shown.
 - h. Check the configuration command line in the configlet (the line that is apparently missing or incorrect as discovered by the audit) and see if the command line is present in the router.
 - i. If it is removed or absent or incorrectly changed in the router, redeploy the service request to get the corrections sent to the router.
 - j. However, if the configlet seems correct and the configuration commands are present in the router, call Cisco Support for assistance.
 - k. You can continue troubleshooting by selecting **Show Processed Config Text**. This presents the configuration file of the model router.
 - l. Check whether that command is also present in the configuration of the model router.
 - m. If it is absent or incorrectly modeled, be sure to inform Cisco Support.
2. **Question:** I have a service request in two VPNs called Red and Blue. I ran an audit, but I don't find my service request listed in the audit reports for the Red VPN.

Answer: The audit is for a service request that may or may not be in multiple VPNs. However, MPLS VPN Solution runs an Audit VPN by VPN in alphabetical order. In case a service request is in multiple VPNs, the software audits the service request only once. This takes place in the VPN that comes up first in the alphabetical sequence, which in this case, is Blue. The software does not audit the same service request in other VPNs because (a) it is already been audited and there is nothing new to audit; (b) auditing is a costly process and auditing again for the sake of display in audit reports is a waste of time; and (c) the service request information along with the audit run information is already available in the VPN Console.

If you have a service request in multiple VPNs, look for the audit report in the VPN that comes first in the alphabetical sequence.

3. **Question:** What is the **Show Processed Config Text** button? How does it differ from the configuration file?

Answer: When performing a deployed test, MPLS VPN Solution software executes an "attribute based" audit. This means that the Auditor builds a software model of the router. To do this, the product takes all the relevant configuration commands from the router. Then the product builds the software model. MPLS VPN Solution software runs the provisioning and auditing functions using this software model as a basis.

The configuration text is the computed configuration file of the router's software model. The software model does not model all aspects of the router configuration, such as enable passwords and clock commands, so the configuration text does not contain everything that the configuration file contains. It does contain all the relevant information such as interface commands, routing protocol commands, and their dependencies (such as access lists, route-map, and so forth).

4. **Question:** How do I move my service request to the Functional state?

Answer: When you are scheduling an audit task (by choosing **Auditing > Generate Service Request Audit Reports**), you must check the check box, *Use VPN routing information during audits*.

Figure 7-4 Audit Options Window



Also be sure to schedule data collection by choosing **Monitoring > Collect VPN Routing Information**.

5. **Question:** I checked the “Use VPN routing info during audits” option, but I receive the message, “No VPN routing information found.”

Answer: You must collect VPN routing info to use it. Schedule data collection by choosing **Monitoring > Collect VPN Routing Information**.

6. **Question:** My service request is the Broken state. How do I address the problem?

Answer: While the router is correctly configured, the service is unavailable (due to a broken cable or Layer 2 problem, for example). A service request moves to Broken if the Auditor finds the routing and forwarding tables for this service, but they do not match the service intent.

There are three tests done for the routing test: 1) presence of routes toward the CE, 2) presence of routes away from the CE, and 3) if the CE is managed using the management VPN technique, routes to at least one of the CEs in the management VPN.

All these tests are done for the VRF in which the service request belongs. To test the presence of routes toward the CE, the product looks for a route toward the CE’s provider facing IP address.

The test for routes away from the CE looks for routes toward the “other side of the VPN.” This test checks the remote connectivity status. If the service request is in a management VPN, the final test checks for a route to the management CE (MCE).

If any of the tests fail, the service request is set to Broken. Since this audit is from the routing information found on the PE, the routing test audit details are placed under the PE. Because the routing test is a Layer 3 operational test, the product cannot know why things have gone wrong at that layer—it could be a broken cable, lost Layer 2 connectivity, and so on.

7. **Question:** I have a VPN with two CEs. One PE-CE Layer 2 connection is down and in a Broken or Lost state. Why does the other PE-CE pair’s service request also move to Broken?

Answer: The routing test checks whether the service request provides a routing level connection of the site to the VPN. For a VPN to exist, there must be at least two sites. Hence, in a VPN with two sites, if connectivity of one of the sites go down, the VPN no longer exists. Therefore, the connectivity of the other site to the VPN also fails—there are no routes across the provider’s core network.

8. **Question:** I just created a VPN and added my first site to it. I ran a VPN routing information collection operation and selected “Use VPN routing information.” Why does the service request move to Broken?

Answer: First read the answer to the previous question (Question 7).

Until you add at least two sites to the VPN, the VPN is not complete. The first site cannot participate in a VPN because the VPN does not yet exist. Thus, the service request moves to Broken. The service request moves to Functional when the second site is connected to the VPN, assuming core network connectivity exists and is functional.

9. **Question:** What are the `run_ngs.log` and `conn_solver.log` files?

Answer: These files are found in `repository_path/Baselines/baseline_name`

where `baseline_name` is `VPN_BS_vpn_name` for a VPN and `SP_BS_provider_name` for a provider.

These files contains log information about how the audit proceeds from the two processes that make up the auditing system—`run_ngs` and `conn_solver`. `Run_ngs` is the initialization, reporting, and finalization process. `Conn_solver` is the actual audit engine.

10. **Question:** I've scheduled an audit. But I do not see any audit reports. Has it run as yet?

Answer: First, is there a service request to audit? If not, no reports can be generated.

- n. If a service request exists, start by going to the Task Logs (see Question 2 under “Provisioning Problems” for information on accessing the Task Logs).

- o. Click **GenerateVPN AuditReports And Topologies**.

- p. Click **Stdout/Stderr**.

Detailed information is listed on the right pane.

- q. Scroll down to the line “about to call `run_ngs` on baseline `baseline_name`.”

where `baseline_name` is `VPN_BS_vpn_name` for a VPN and `SP_BS_provider_name` for a provider. Below that note a call to “`run_ngs`” made with `n` argument.

- r. Look for a line such as “`run_ngs` for baseline `VPN_BS_VPN` failed with exit code `n`.”

- s. Check the value of `n`.

If the value of `n` is 6, `run_ngs` may have crashed.

- t. Check the core file in the `tmpdir` directory (as given in `netsys.tmpdir.unix` in `csn.properties` file) and see if it belongs to `run_ngs` or `conn_solver`.

- u. If the value of `n` is 1 or another number, go to the `repository_path/Baselines/baseline_name` directory and read the file `run_ngs.log`.

The `run_ngs.log` file provides the reasons for the unexpected termination.

- v. In any case, tar the Repository and save the core file (if any) and contact Cisco Support for assistance.

If the `run_ngs.log` file says something like: “`path/.dataroot` pointed to by default.ddf does not exist,” someone copied over the Repository. Read the next question for the solution for this.

11. **Question:** I copied my Repository to a new location on a new machine. Now I cannot run audits.

Answer: Go to `repository_path/Baselines` and issue this command:

```
rm -f VPN_BS_*/default.ddf SP_BS_*/default.ddf
```

Now the audits will run.

12. **Question:** The audit seems to have been performed (from List All Service Requests), but there are no reports.

Answer: This can occur if `run_ngs` crashed while `conn_solver` succeeded in writing out state change and audit trail information to the Repository. If this is this case, you do not see any reports, yet the job seems to be done. Be sure to send the core file and the Repository to Cisco Support.

13. **Question:** The audit seems to have been performed (from audit reports), but the All VPN Service Requests Report shows the service request is still in the prior state.

Answer: This is possible if the saving the state change and audit trail information to the Repository failed. In such a case, observe that an extra row is present in the report: *Repository Error*. This details the reasons for the failure to write to the Repository. If you see this, report it to the Cisco Support.

14. **Question:** I see an extra row in the Audit Reports: *Repository Error*. What does this mean?

Answer: A read/write operation to the Repository failed. Report this error and send your current Repository to Cisco Support.