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Abstract

This document provides a YANG data model to map traffic to Traffic Engineering (TE) paths. This model provides operator a seamless control and management of which traffic to send on the underlying TE resources.

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[1.](#) Introduction

Data models are a representation of objects that can be configured or monitored within a system. Within the IETF, YANG [[RFC7950](#)] is the language of choice for documenting data models, and YANG models have been produced to allow configuration or modeling of a variety of network devices, protocol instances, and network services.

There are various YANG models to establish paths in the network, such as:

- * TE Tunnels [[I-D.ietf-teas-yang-te](#)]
- * Segment Routing (SR) Policy [[I-D.ietf-spring-sr-policy-yang](#)]
- * Service Function Chaining (SFC)
- * Virtual Network (VN)
- * IETF Network Slice

These models do not include an exact mechanism to describe the traffic that needs to be mapped to the paths. Thus an operator lacks a way to simply use the YANG model to tell requirements such as the

traffic from source X on port Y should go on a TE path with delay less than Z. The YANG model defined in this document fills this gap.

To achieve this goal, the YANG model defined in this document utilizes the concept borrowed from:

- * BGP FlowSpec: Where the description of traffic flows is done by the combination of multiple Flow Specification Components and their dissemination as traffic flow specifications (Flow Specifications) is described for BGP in [[RFC8955](#)]. In BGP, a Flow Specification is comprised of traffic filtering rules and is associated with actions to perform on the packets that match the Flow Specification. The BGP routers that receive a Flow Specification can classify received packets according to the traffic filtering rules and can direct packets based on the associated actions.
- * Path Computation Element (PCE) FlowSpec: Extends the idea to PCE Communication Protocol (PCEP) [[RFC9168](#)].
- * Access Control List (ACL): A basic elements used to configure device-forwarding behavior in form of a user-ordered set of rules that is used to filter traffic on a networking device. Each rule is represented by an Access Control Entry (ACE). Each ACE has a group of match criteria and a group of actions [[RFC8519](#)].

The YANG model includes two key concepts:

- * Traffic Description: The various fields that needs to be matched to identify a traffic flow.
- * Action: The associated action that needs to be taken. For the purpose of this YANG model the action is to simply point to the TE resource in form of the TE tunnel, SR Policy etc.

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[2.](#) Conventions

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and

"OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [BCP 14](#) [[RFC2119](#)] [[RFC8174](#)] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

2.1. Tree Diagrams

A simplified graphical representation of the data model is used in this document. The meaning of the symbols in these diagrams is defined in [[RFC8340](#)].

2.2. Prefixes in Data Node Names

In this document, names of data nodes and other data model objects are often used without a prefix, as long as it is clear from the context in which YANG module each name is defined. Otherwise, names are prefixed using the standard prefix associated with the corresponding YANG module, as shown in Table 1.

Prefix	YANG module	Reference
yang	ietf-yang-types	[RFC6991]
te	ietf-te	[I-D.ietf-teas-yang-te]
rt	ietf-routing	[RFC8349]
sr-policy	ietf-sr-policy	[I-D.ietf-spring-sr-policy-yang]
ietf-ns	ietf-network-slice	[I-D.ietf-teas-ietf-network-slice-nbi-yang]
acl	ietf-	[RFC8519]

		access-		
		control-		
		list		
+-----+				

Table 1

2.3. References in the Model

Following documents are referenced in the model defined in this document -

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Document		Reference
YANG Data Model for Network Access Control Lists (ACLs)		[RFC8519]
A YANG Data Model for Traffic Engineering Tunnels and Interfaces		[I-D.ietf-teas-yang-te]
YANG Data Model for Segment Routing Policy		[I-D.ietf-spring-sr-policy-yang]

Table 2

3. Discussion Items

For describing the traffic, currently the YANG models uses:

- * The match criteria grouping from the [[I-D.ietf-teas-ietf-network-slice-nbi-yang](#)]. If this document

gets WG backing, then it might be a good idea to move the grouping to this document instead.

- * The ACL Name. Should that be ACE instead?
- * The match action granularity in case of IETF network slice and VN needs to be discussed.
- * The match action for SFC is not handled yet.

[4.](#) Tree Structure

```
module: ietf-traffic-map
  +--rw traffic-map
    +--rw maps* [id]
      +--rw id string
      +--rw traffic
        | +--rw id? string
        | +--rw (type)?
        |   +--:(match-criteria)
        |   | +--rw ns-match-criteria
        |   |   +--rw ns-match-criterion* [match-type]
        |   |   | +--rw match-type identityref
        |   |   | +--rw values* [index]
        |   |   |   +--rw index uint8
        |   |   |   +--rw value? string
        |   +--:(acl)
```

```

|         | +--rw acl?                                -> /acl:acls/acl/name
|         +--:(flowspec)
|         +--:(other)
+--rw action
|   +--rw te-tunnel*   te:tunnel-ref
|   +--rw sr-policy* [policy-color-ref policy-endpoint-ref]
|   |   +--rw policy-color-ref      leafref
|   |   +--rw policy-endpoint-ref   leafref
|   +--rw other
+--ro stats
    +--ro matched-packets?   yang:counter64
    +--ro matched-octets?    yang:counter64

```

5. YANG Model

```

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-traffic-map@2022-03-07.yang"
module ietf-traffic-map {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-traffic-map";
  prefix tm;

  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix yang;
    reference
      "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types";
  }
  import ietf-te {
    prefix te;
    reference
      "I-D.ietf-teas-yang-te: A YANG Data Model for Traffic
      Engineering Tunnels and Interfaces";
  }
  import ietf-routing {

```

```

    prefix rt;
    reference
      "RFC8349: A YANG Data Model for Routing Management";
  }
  import ietf-sr-policy {
    prefix sr-policy;
    reference
      "I-D.ietf-spring-sr-policy-yang: YANG Data Model for Segment

```

```

        Routing Policy";
    }
    import ietf-network-slice {
        prefix ietf-ns;
        reference
            "I-D.ietf-teas-ietf-network-slice-nbi-yang: IETF
            Network Slice Service YANG Model";
    }
    import ietf-access-control-list {
        prefix acl;
        reference
            "RFC8519: YANG Data Model for Network Access Control
            Lists (ACLs)";
    }

    organization
        "IETF Traffic Engineering Architecture and Signaling (TEAS)
        Working Group";
    contact
        "WG Web: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/teas/about/>
        WG List: <mailto:teas@ietf.org>
        Editor: Dhruv Dhody <dhruv.ietf@gmail.com>";
    description
        "This module contains a YANG module to map traffic to
        Traffic Engineering (TE) paths.

```

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This version of this YANG module is part of RFC XXXX; see the RFC itself for full legal notices.";

```

revision 2022-03-07 {

```



```

    "initial version.";
reference
    "RFC XXXX: Traffic Mapping YANG model for Traffic
    Engineering (TE)";
}

grouping traffic-description {
    description
        "The traffic description";
    leaf id {
        type string;
        description
            "The identifier for Traffic Description";
    }
    choice type {
        description
            "The various ways the traffic can be described";
        case match-criteria {
            description
                "Use the match criteria";
            uses ietf-ns:ns-match-criteria;
        }
        case acl {
            description
                "Reference to ACL";
            leaf acl {
                type leafref {
                    path "/acl:acls/acl:acl/acl:name";
                }
            }
            description
                "The ACL Name. The action part of the ACL is not
                used.";
            reference
                "RFC8519: YANG Data Model for Network Access Control
                Lists (ACLs)";
        }
    }
    case flowspec {
        description
            "Based on FlowSpec component type - TODO";
    }
    case other {
        description
            "TODO";
    }
}
}

```

```
grouping te-ref {
  description
    "Reference to TE paths";
  leaf-list te-tunnel {
    type te:tunnel-ref;
    description
      "Reference to TE Tunnels";
    reference
      "I-D.ietf-teas-yang-te: A YANG Data Model for Traffic
        Engineering Tunnels and Interfaces";
  }
  list sr-policy {
    key "policy-color-ref policy-endpoint-ref";
    description
      "SR Policy";
    reference
      "I-D.ietf-spring-sr-policy-yang: YANG Data Model for
        Segment Routing Policy";
    /*Headend needs to be added*/
    leaf policy-color-ref {
      type leafref {
        path
          "/rt:routing/sr-policy:segment-routing"
          + "/sr-policy:traffic-engineering/sr-policy:policies"
          + "/sr-policy:policy/sr-policy:color";
      }
      description
        "Reference to sr-policy color";
    }
    leaf policy-endpoint-ref {
      type leafref {
        path
          "/rt:routing/sr-policy:segment-routing"
          + "/sr-policy:traffic-engineering/sr-policy:policies"
          + "/sr-policy:policy/sr-policy:endpoint";
      }
      description
        "Reference to sr-policy endpoint";
    }
  }
}
container other {
  description
    "To dp - VN, IETF Network Slice, SFC etc";
}
}
```

```
container traffic-map {
  description
    "AP configurations";
  list maps {
    key "id";
    description
      "traffic map identifier";
    leaf id {
      type string;
      description
        "The identifier for Traffic Maps";
    }
    container traffic {
      description
        "The traffic description";
      uses traffic-description;
    }
    container action {
      description
        "The action is limited to identifying the TE resource";
      uses te-ref;
    }
    container stats {
      config false;
      description
        "Statistics";
      leaf matched-packets {
        type yang:counter64;
        description
          "The number of packets that matched the traffic
            description";
      }
      leaf matched-octets {
        type yang:counter64;
        description
          "The number of octets (byte) that matched the traffic
            description";
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
}  
}  
}
```

<CODE ENDS>

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[6.](#) Security Considerations

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[7.](#) IANA Considerations

IANA is requested to make the following allocation for the URIs in the "ns" subregistry within the "IETF XML Registry" [[RFC3688](#)]:

```
-----  
URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-traffic-map  
Registrant Contact: The IESG.  
XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.  
-----
```

IANA is requested to make the following allocation for the YANG module in the "YANG Module Names" registry [[RFC6020](#)]:

```
-----  
name:          ietf-traffic-map  
namespace:     urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-traffic-map  
prefix:        tm  
reference:     RFC XXXX  
-----
```

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