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Label Switched Path (LSP) Ping/Traceroute for Segment Routing (SR)
Egress Peer Engineering Segment Identifiers (SIDs) with MPLS Data Planes
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Abstract

Egress Peer Engineering (EPE) is an application of Segment Routing to Solve the problem of egress peer selection. The Segment Routing based BGP-EPE solution allows a centralized controller, e.g. a Software Defined Network (SDN) controller to program any egress peer. The EPE solution requires a node to program the PeerNode SID describing a session between two nodes, the PeerAdj SID describing the link (one or more) that is used by sessions between peer nodes, and the PeerSet SID describing an arbitrary set of sessions or links between a local node and its peers. This document provides new sub-TLVs for EPE Segment Identifiers (SID) that would be used in the MPLS Target stack TLV (Type 1), in MPLS Ping and Traceroute procedures.

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[1.](#) Introduction

Egress Peer Engineering (EPE) as defined in [\[I-D.ietf-spring-segment-routing-central-epe\]](#) is an effective mechanism to select the egress peer link based on different criteria. The EPE-SIDs provide means to represent egress peer links. Many network deployments have built their networks consisting of multiple Autonomous Systems either for ease of operations or as a result of network mergers and acquisitions. The inter-AS links connecting the two Autonomous Systems could be traffic engineered using EPE-SIDs in this case as well. It is important to be able to validate the control plane to forwarding plane synchronization for these SIDs so that any anomaly can be detected easily by the operator.

This document provides Target Forwarding Equivalence Class (FEC) stack TLV definitions for EPE-SIDs. Other procedures for mpls Ping

and Traceroute as defined in [\[RFC8287\] section 7](#) and clarified by [\[RFC8690\]](#) are applicable for EPE-SIDs as well.

2. Theory of Operation

[I-D.ietf-idr-bgppls-segment-routing-epe] provides mechanisms to advertise the EPE-SIDs in BGP-LS. These EPE-SIDs may be used to build Segment Routing paths as described in [\[I-D.ietf-spring-segment-routing-policy\]](#). Data plane monitoring for such paths which consist of EPE-SIDs will use extensions defined in this document to build the Target FEC stack TLV. The MPLS Ping and Traceroute procedures MAY be initiated by the head-end of the Segment Routing path or a centralized topology-aware data plane monitoring system as described in [\[RFC8403\]](#). The node initiating the data plane monitoring may acquire the details of EPE-SIDs through BGP-LS advertisements as described in [\[I-D.ietf-idr-bgppls-segment-routing-epe\]](#). The procedures to operate e-BGP sessions in a scenario with unnumbered interfaces is not very well defined and hence out of scope for this document. During AS migration scenario procedures described in [\[RFC7705\]](#) may be in force. In these scenarios, if the local and remote AS fields in the FEC as described in [Section 4](#) carries the global AS and not the "local AS" as defined in [\[RFC7705\]](#), the FEC validation procedures may fail.

3. Requirements Language

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.

4. FEC Definitions

As described in [\[RFC8287\]](#) sec 5, 3 new type of sub-TLVs for the Target FEC Stack TLV are defined for the Target FEC stack TLV corresponding to each label in the label stack. If a malformed FEC sub-TLV is received, then a return code of 1, "Malformed echo request received" as defined in [\[RFC8029\]](#) SHOULD be sent.

4.1. PeerAdj SID Sub-TLV

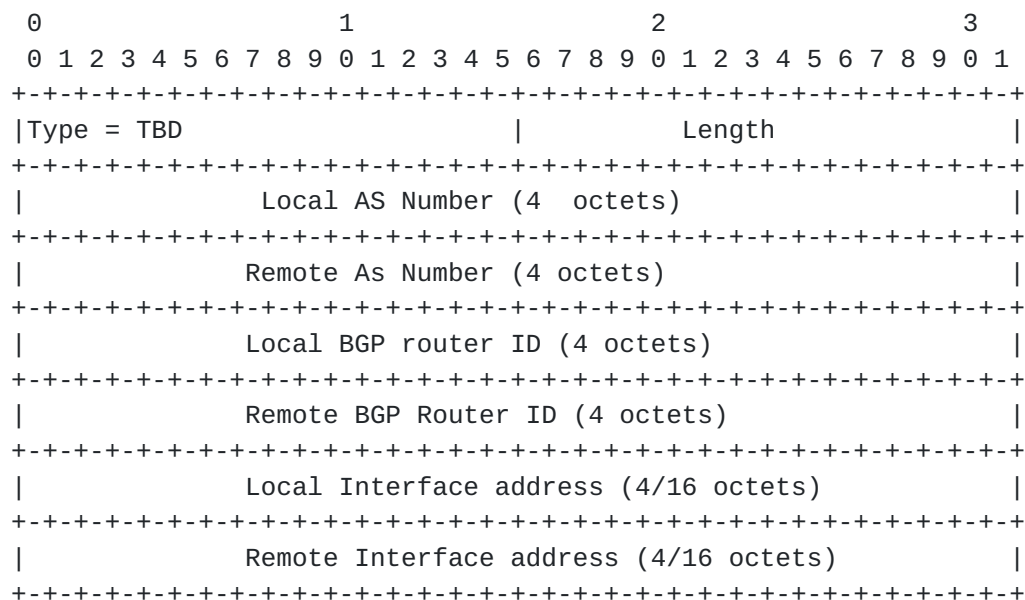


Figure 1: PeerAdj SID Sub-TLV

Type : TBD

Length : variable based on ipv4/ipv6 interface address

Local AS Number :

4 octet unsigned integer representing the Member ASN inside the Confederation.[\[RFC5065\]](#). The AS number corresponds to the AS to which PeerAdj SID advertising node belongs to.

Remote AS Number :

4 octet unsigned integer representing the Member ASN inside the Confederation.[\[RFC5065\]](#). The AS number corresponds to the AS of the remote node for which the PeerAdj SID is advertised.

Local BGP Router ID :

4 octet unsigned integer of the advertising node representing the BGP Identifier as defined in [\[RFC4271\]](#) and [\[RFC6286\]](#).

Remote BGP Router ID :

4 octet unsigned integer of the receiving node representing the BGP Identifier as defined in [\[RFC4271\]](#) and [\[RFC6286\]](#).

Local Interface Address :

In case of PeerAdj SID Local interface address corresponding to the PeerAdj SID should be apecified in this field. For IPv4,this field is 4 octets; for IPv6, this field is 16 octets. Link Local IPv6 addresses are allowed in this field.

Remote Interface Address :

In case of PeerAdj SID Remote interface address corresponding to the PeerAdj SID should be apecified in this field. For IPv4,this field is 4 octets; for IPv6, this field is 16 octets.Link Local IPv6 addresses are allowed in this field.

4.2. PeerNode SID Sub-TLV

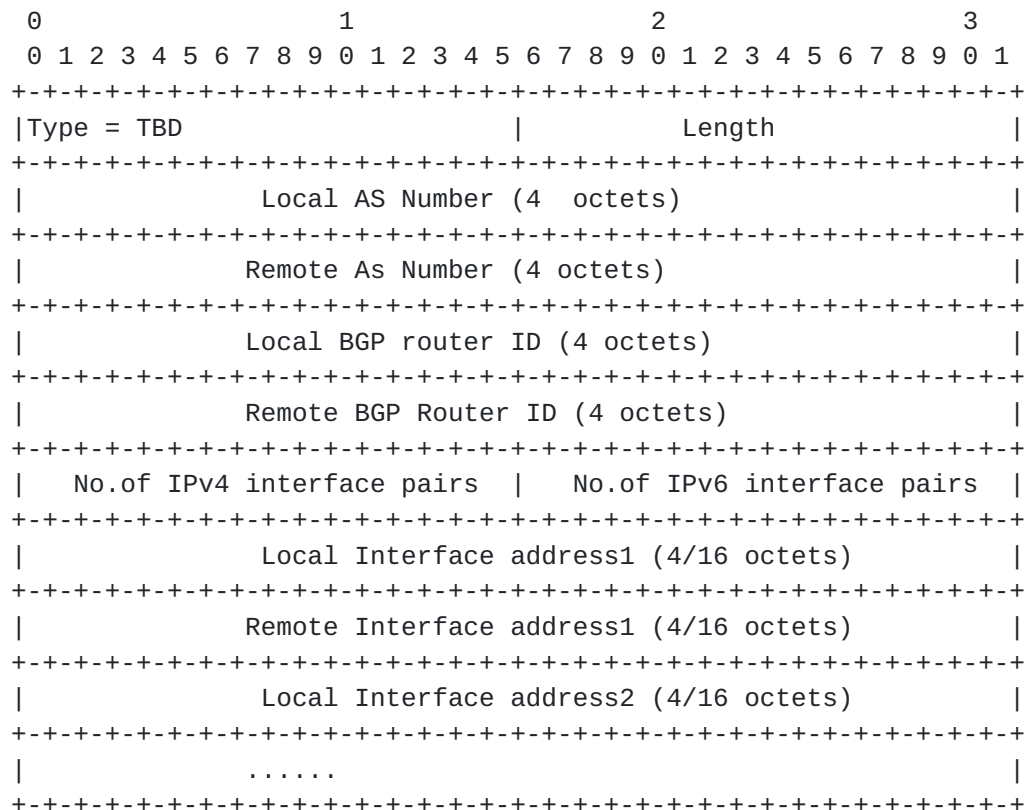


Figure 2: PeerNode SID Sub-TLV

Type : TBD

Length : variable based on ipv4/ipv6 interface address. There could be multiple pairs of local and remote interface pairs. The length includes all the pairs.

Local AS Number :

4 octet unsigned integer representing the Member ASN inside the Confederation.[[RFC5065](#)]. The AS number corresponds to the AS to which PeerNode SID advertising node belongs to.

Remote AS Number :

4 octet unsigned integer representing the Member ASN inside the Confederation.[[RFC5065](#)]. The AS number corresponds to the AS of the remote node for which the PeerNode SID is advertised.

Local BGP Router ID :

4 octet unsigned integer of the advertising node representing the BGP Identifier as defined in [[RFC4271](#)] and [[RFC6286](#)].

Remote BGP Router ID :

4 octet unsigned integer of the receiving node representing the BGP Identifier as defined in [[RFC4271](#)] and [[RFC6286](#)].

Number of IPv4 interface pairs:

Total number of IPV4 local and remote interface address pairs.

Number of IPv6 interface pairs:

Total number of IPV6 local and remote interface address pairs.

There can be multiple Layer 3 interfaces on which a peerNode SID loadbalances the traffic. All such interfaces local/remote address MUST be included in the FEC.

When a PeerNode SID load-balances over few interfaces with IPv4 only address and few interfaces with IPv6 address then the FEC definition should list all IPv4 address pairs together followed by IPv6 address pairs.

Local Interface Address :

In case of PeerNode SID, the interface local address ipv4/ipv6 which corresponds to the PeerNode SID MUST be specified. For IPv4, this field is 4 octets; for IPv6, this field is 16 octets. Link Local IPv6 addresses are allowed in this field.

Remote Interface Address :

In case of PeerNode SID, the interface remote address ipv4/ipv6 which corresponds to the PeerNode SID MUST be specified. For IPv4, this field is 4 octets; for IPv6, this field is 16 octets. Link Local IPv6 addresses are allowed in this field.

4.3. PeerSet SID Sub-TLV

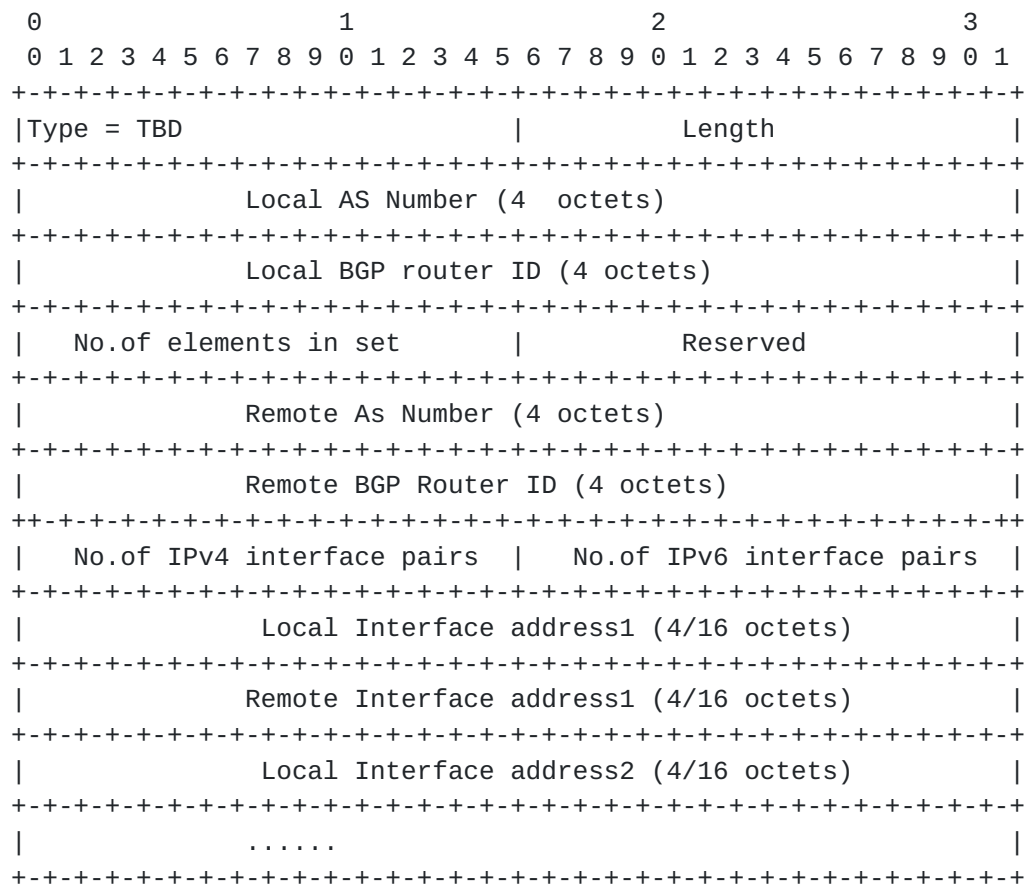


Figure 3: PeerSet SID Sub-TLV

Type : TBD

Length : variable based on ipv4/ipv6 interface address and number of elements in the set

Local AS Number :

4 octet unsigned integer representing the Member ASN inside the Confederation.[[RFC5065](#)]. The AS number corresponds to the AS to which PeerSet SID advertising node belongs to.

Remote AS Number :

4 octet unsigned integer representing the Member ASN inside the Confederation.[[RFC5065](#)]. The AS number corresponds to the AS of the remote node for which the PeerSet SID is advertised.

Advertising BGP Router ID :

4 octet unsigned integer of the advertising node representing the BGP Identifier as defined in [[RFC4271](#)] and [[RFC6286](#)].

Receiving BGP Router ID :

4 octet unsigned integer of the receiving node representing the BGP Identifier as defined in [[RFC4271](#)] and [[RFC6286](#)].

No.of elements in set:

Number of remote ASes, the set SID load-balances on.

PeerSet SID may be associated with a number of PeerNode SIDs and PeerAdj SIDs. Link address details of all these SIDs should be included in the peerSet SID FEC so that the data-plane can be correctly verified on the remote node.

Number of IPv4 interface pairs:

Total number of IPV4 local and remote interface address pairs.

Number of IPv6 interface pairs:

Total number of IPV6 local and remote interface address pairs.

There can be multiple Layer 3 interfaces on which a peerNode SID loadbalances the traffic. All such interfaces local/remote address MUST be included in the FEC.

When a PeerSet SID load-balances over few interfaces with IPv4 only address and few interfaces with IPv6 address then the Link address

TLV should list all IPv4 address pairs together followed by IPv6 address pairs.

Local Interface Address :

In case of PeerNodeSID/PeerAdj SID, the interface local address ipv4/ipv6 which corresponds to the PeerNode SID/PeerAdj SID MUST be specified. For IPv4, this field is 4 octets; for IPv6, this field is 16 octets. Link Local IPv6 addresses are allowed in this field.

Remote Interface Address :

In case of PeerNodeSID/PeerAdj SID, the interface remote address ipv4/ipv6 which corresponds to the PeerNode SID/PeerAdj SID MUST be specified. For IPv4, this field is 4 octets; for IPv6, this field is 16 octets. Link Local IPv6 addresses are allowed in this field.

5. IANA Considerations

New Target FEC stack sub-TLV from the "sub-TLVs for TLV types 1,16 and 21" subregistry of the "Multi-Protocol Label switching (MPLS) Label Switched Paths (LSPs) Ping parameters" registry

PeerAdj SID Sub-TLV : TBD

PeerNode SID Sub-TLV : TBD

PeerSet SID Sub-TLV : TBD

6. Security Considerations

The EPE-SIDs are advertised for egress links for Egress Peer Engineering purposes or for inter-As links between co-operating ASes. When co-operating domains are involved, they can allow the packets arriving on trusted interfaces to reach the control plane and get processed. When EPE-SIDs which are created for egress TE links where the neighbor AS is an independent entity, it may not allow packets arriving from external world to reach the control plane. In such deployments mpls OAM packets will be dropped by the neighboring AS that receives the MPLS OAM packet.

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