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Abstract

This document updates the definitions of IPv6 multicast scopes.

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1. Definition of IPv6 Multicast Address Scopes (Updates [RFC 4291](#))

[RFC 4291](#) [[RFC4291](#)] defines "scop is a 4-bit multicast scope value used to limit the scope of the multicast group." scop 3 is defined as "reserved" in [RFC 4291](#). The multicast protocol specification in [draft-ietf-roll-trickle-mcast](#) [[I-D.ietf-roll-trickle-mcast](#)] desires to use multicast scop 3 for transport of multicast traffic scoped to a network of nodes connected in a mesh. The use of this scop value is to accommodate a multicast scope that is greater than Link-Local but is also automatically determined by the network architecture.

The following table updates the definitions in [RFC 4291](#):

- 0 reserved
- 1 Interface-Local scope
- 2 Link-Local scope
- 3 Realm-Local scope
- 4 Admin-Local scope
- 5 Site-Local scope
- 6 (unassigned)
- 7 (unassigned)
- 8 Organization-Local scope
- 9 (unassigned)
- A (unassigned)
- B (unassigned)
- C (unassigned)
- D (unassigned)
- E Global scope
- F reserved

The following change is applied to [section 2.7 of RFC 4291](#):

OLD:

Admin-Local scope is the smallest scope that must be administratively configured, i.e., not automatically derived from physical connectivity or other, non-multicast-related configuration.

NEW:

Interface-Local, Link-Local, and Realm-Local scope boundaries are automatically derived from physical connectivity or other, non-multicast related configuration. Global scope has no boundary. The boundaries of all other non-reserved scopes of Admin-Local or larger are administratively configured. For reserved scopes, the way of configuring their boundaries will be defined when the semantics of the scope is defined.

According to [RFC 4007](#) [[RFC4007](#)], the zone of a Realm-Local scope must fall within zones of larger scope. Because the zone of a Realm-Local scope is configured automatically, while the zones of larger scopes are configured manually, care must be taken in the definition of those larger scopes to ensure that inclusion constraint is met.

2. Definition of Realm-Local scopes

The definition of any Realm-Local scope for a particular network technology should be published in an RFC. For example, such a scope definition would be appropriate for publication in an "IPv6-over-foo" RFC.

Any RFCs that include the definition of a Realm-Local scope will be listed in the IANA "IPv6 Multicast Address Scopes" registry.

[Section 4](#) gives the definition of scop 3 for IEEE 802.15.4 [[IEEE802.15.4](#)] networks.

3. Definition of automatic and administratively configured scopes (updates [RFC 4007](#))

[Section 5 of RFC 4007](#) [[RFC4007](#)] and [section 2.7 of RFC 4291](#) disagree about the way in which multicast scope 3 is configured. To resolve that disagreement, change the last bullet in the list in [section 5 of RFC 4007](#) as follows:

OLD:

- o The boundaries of zones of a scope other than interface-local, link-local, and global must be defined and configured by network administrators.

NEW:

- o The boundaries of zones of a scope are defined by the IPv6 addressing architecture [[RFC4291](#)].

4. Definition of Realm-Local Scope for IEEE 802.15.4

When used in an IP-over-IEEE802.15.4 network, "scop 3" is defined to include all interfaces sharing a PAN ID.

5. IANA Considerations

IANA is asked to establish a sub-registry titled "IPv6 Multicast Address Scopes" in the existing "Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) Multicast Address Allocations" registry. The "IPv6 Multicast Address Scopes" is to be populated with the scope values given in [section 1](#), with a note associated with scope 3 listing all RFCs that define Realm-Local scoping rules that use scope 3.

6. Acknowledgments

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7. Security Considerations

This document has no security considerations beyond those in [RFC 4291](#) [[RFC4291](#)].

8. References

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