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Abstract

This document defines BGP flow-spec extension for Ethernet traffic filtering in L2 VPN network. SAFI=134 in [[RFC5575](#)] is redefined for dissemination traffic filtering information in an L2VPN environment. A new subset of component types and extended community also are defined.

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## [1.](#) Introduction

BGP Flow-spec is an extension to BGP that allows for the dissemination of traffic flow specification rules. It leverages the BGP Control Plane to simplify the distribution of ACLs, new filter rules can be injected to all BGP peers simultaneously without changing router configuration. The typical application of BGP Flow-spec is to automate the distribution of traffic filter lists to routers for DDOS mitigation, access control, etc.

[RFC5575](#) defines a new BGP Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI) format used to distribute traffic flow specification rules. NLRI (AFI=1, SAFI=133) is for IPv4 unicast filtering. NLRI (AFI=1, SAFI=134) is for BGP/MPLS VPN filtering. The Flow specification match part only includes L3/L4 information like source/destination prefix, protocol, ports, and etc, so traffic flows can only be selectively filtered based on L3/L4 information.



Layer 2 Virtual Private Networks (L2VPNs) have already been deployed in an increasing number of networks today. In L2VPN network, we also have requirement to deploy BGP Flow-spec to mitigate DDoS attack traffic. Within L2VPN network, both IP and non-IP Ethernet traffic maybe exist. For IP traffic filtering, the Flow specification rules defined in [\[RFC5575\]](#) which include match criteria and actions can still be used, flow specification rules received via new NLRI format apply only to traffic that belongs to the VPN instance(s) in which it is imported. For non-IP Ethernet traffic filtering, Layer 2 related information like source/destination MAC and VLAN should be considered. But the flow specification match criteria defined in [RFC5575](#) only include layer 3 and layer 4 IP information, layer 2 Ethernet information haven't been included.

There are different kinds of L2VPN networks like EVPN [EVPN], BGP VPLS [\[RFC4761\]](#), LDP VPLS [\[RFC4762\]](#) and border gateway protocol (BGP) auto discovery [\[RFC 6074\]](#). Because the flow-spec feature relies on BGP protocol to distribute traffic filtering rules, so it can only be incrementally deployed in those L2VPN networks where BGP has already been used for auto discovery and/or signaling purposes such as BGP-based VPLS [4761], EVPN and LDP-based VPLS [4762] with BGP auto-discovery [6074].

This draft proposes a new subset of component types and extended community to support L2VPN flow-spec application. The flow-spec rules can be enforced on all border routers or on some interface sets of the border routers. SAFI=134 in [\[RFC5575\]](#) is redefined for dissemination traffic filtering information in an L2VPN environment.

## **2. Layer 2 Flow Specification encoding in BGP**

The [\[RFC5575\]](#) defines SAFI 133 and SAFI 134 for "dissemination of IPv4 flow specification rules" and "dissemination of VPNv4 flow specification rules" respectively. [\[draft-ietf-idr-flow-spec-v6-06\]](#) redefines the [\[RFC5575\]](#) SAFIs in order to make them applicable to both IPv4 and IPv6 applications. This document will further redefine the SAFI 134 in order to make them applicable to L2VPN applications.

The following changes are defined:

"SAFI 134 for dissemination of L3VPN flow specification rules" to now be defined as "SAFI 134 for dissemination of VPN flow specification rules"

For SAFI 134 the indication to which address family it is referring to will be recognized by AFI value (AFI=1 for VPNv4, AFI=2 VPNv6 and AFI=25 for L2VPN). Such modification is fully backwards compatible with existing implementation and production deployments.



### 3. Ethernet Flow Specification encoding in BGP

The NLRI format for this address family consists of a fixed-length Route Distinguisher field (8 bytes) followed by a flow specification, following the encoding defined in this document. The NLRI length field shall include both the 8 bytes of the Route Distinguisher as well as the subsequent flow specification.

Flow specification rules received via this NLRI apply only to traffic that belongs to the VPN instance(s) in which it is imported. Flow rules are accepted by default, when received from remote PE routers.

Besides the component types defined in [\[RFC5575\]](#) and [\[draft-ietf-idr-flow-spec-v6-06\]](#), this document proposes the following additional component types for L2VPN Ethernet traffic filtering:

#### Type 14 - Ethernet Type

Encoding: <type (1 octet), [op, value]+>

Defines a list of {operation, value} pairs used to match two-octet field. Values are encoded as 2-byte quantities. Ethernet II framing defines the two-octet Ethernet Type field in an Ethernet frame, preceded by destination and source MAC addresses, that identifies an upper layer protocol encapsulating the frame data.

#### Type 15 - Source MAC

Encoding: <type (1 octet), MAC Address length (1 octet), MAC Address>  
Defines the source MAC Address to match.

#### Type 16 - Destination MAC

Encoding: <type (1 octet), MAC Address length (1 octet), MAC Address>  
Defines the destination MAC Address to match.

#### Type 17 - DSAP(Destination Service Access Point) in LLC

Encoding: <type (1 octet), [op, value]+>

Defines a list of {operation, value} pairs used to match 1-octet DSAP in the 802.2 LLC(Logical Link Control Header). Values are encoded as 1-byte quantities. The operation field is encoded as 'Numeric operator' defined in [\[RFC5575\]](#).

#### Type 18 - SSAP(Source Service Access Point) in LLC

Encoding: <type (1 octet), [op, value]+>



Defines a list of {operation, value} pairs used to match 1-octet SSAP in the 802.2 LLC. Values are encoded as 1-byte quantities.

Type 19 - Control field in LLC

Encoding: <type (1 octet), [op, value]+>

Defines a list of {operation, value} pairs used to match 1-octet control field in the 802.2 LLC. Values are encoded as 1-byte quantities.

Type 20 - SNAP

Encoding: <type (1 octet), [op, value]+>

Defines a list of {operation, value} pairs used to match 5-octet SNAP(Sub-Network Access Protocol) field. Values are encoded as 5-byte quantities.

Type 21 - VLAN ID

Encoding: <type (1 octet), [op, value]+>

Defines a list of {operation, value} pairs used to match VLAN ID. Values are encoded as 2-byte quantities, where the four most significant bits are zero and the 12 least significant bits contain the VLAN value.

In virtual local-area network (VLAN) stacking case, the VLAN ID is outer VLAN ID.

Type 22 - VLAN COS

Encoding: <type (1 octet), [op, value]+>

Defines a list of {operation, value} pairs used to match 3-bit VLAN COS fields [802.1p]. Values are encoded using a single byte, where the five most significant bits are zero and the three least significant bits contain the VLAN COS value.

In virtual local-area network (VLAN) stacking case, the VLAN COS is outer VLAN COS.

Type 23 - Inner VLAN ID

Encoding: <type (1 octet), [op, value]+>





Defines a list of {operation, value} pairs used to match inner VLAN ID using for virtual local-area network (VLAN) stacking or Q in Q case. Values are encoded as 2-byte quantities, where the four most significant bits are zero and the 12 least significant bits contain the VLAN value.

In single VLAN case, the component type MUST not be used.

Type 24 - Inner VLAN COS

Encoding: <type (1 octet), [op, value]+>

Defines a list of {operation, value} pairs used to match 3-bit inner VLAN COS fields [802.1p] using for virtual local-area network (VLAN) stacking or Q in Q case. Values are encoded using a single byte, where the five most significant bits are zero and the three least significant bits contain the VLAN COS value.

In single VLAN case, the component type MUST not be used.

### **3.1. Order of Traffic Filtering Rules**

The original definition for the order of traffic filtering rules can be reused with new consideration for the MAC Address offset. As long as the offsets are equal, the comparison is the same, retaining longest-prefix-match semantics. If the offsets are not equal, the lowest offset has precedence, as this flow matches the most significant bit.



Pseudocode:

```

flow_rule_L2_cmp (a, b)
{
    comp1 = next_component(a);
    comp2 = next_component(b);
    while (comp1 || comp2) {
        // component_type returns infinity on end-of-list
        if (component_type(comp1) < component_type(comp2)) {
            return A_HAS_PRECEDENCE;
        }
        if (component_type(comp1) > component_type(comp2)) {
            return B_HAS_PRECEDENCE;
        }

        if (component_type(comp1) == MAC_DESTINATION || MAC_SOURCE) {
            common = MIN(MAC Address length (comp1),
                        MAC Address length (comp2));
            cmp = MAC Address compare(comp1, comp2, common);
            // not equal, lowest value has precedence
            // equal, longest match has precedence
        } else {
            common =
                MIN(component_length(comp1), component_length(comp2));
            cmp = memcmp(data(comp1), data(comp2), common);
            // not equal, lowest value has precedence
            // equal, longest string has precedence
        }
    }
    return EQUAL;
}

```

#### 4. Ethernet Flow Specification Traffic Actions

The default action for a layer 2 traffic filtering flow specification is to accept traffic that matches that particular rule. The following extended community values per [RFC5575](#) can be used to specify particular actions in L2VPN network:

| type   | extended community | encoding                 |
|--------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 0x8006 | traffic-rate       | 2-byte as#, 4-byte float |
| 0x8007 | traffic-action     | bitmask                  |
| 0x8008 | redirect           | 6-byte Route Target      |
| 0x8009 | traffic-marking    | DSCP value               |



Redirect: The action should be redefined to allow the traffic to be redirected to a MAC or IP VRF routing instance that lists the specified route-target in its import policy.

Besides the above extended communities, this document also proposes the following BGP extended communities specifications for Ethernet flow to extend [[RFC5575](#)]:

| type | extended community | encoding |
|------|--------------------|----------|
| TBD1 | VLAN-action        | bitmask  |
| TBD2 | TPID-action        | bitmask  |

VLAN-action: The VLAN-action extended community consists of 6 bytes which include the fields of action Flags, two VLAN IDs and the associating COS value. The action Flags fields are further divided into two parts which correspond to the first action and the second action respectively, bit 0 to bit 7 belong to the first action part while bit 8 to bit 15 belong to the second part. The bits of P0, PU, SW, RI and R0 in each part represent the action of Pop, Push, Swap, Rewrite inner VLAN and Rewrite outer VLAN respectively. Through this method, more complicated actions also can be represented in a single VLAN-action extend community, such as SwapPop, PushSwap, etc. For example, SwapPop action is the concatenation of two actions, the first action is Swap and the second action is Pop.

| 0   | 7    | 15 |
|---|------|----|
| P01 PU1 SW1 RI1 R01 ... P02 PU2 SW2 RI2 R02 ... |      |    |
| VLAN ID1  | COS1 | R1 |
| VLAN ID2  | COS2 | R2 |

P01: Pop action. If the P01 flag is one, it indicates the outmost VLAN should be removed.

PU1: Push action. If PU1 is one, it indicates VLAN ID1 will be added, the associated COS is COS1.

SW1: Swap action. If the SW1 flag is one, it indicates the outer VLAN and inner VLAN should be swapped.



P02: Pop action. If the P02 flag is one, it indicates the outmost VLAN should be removed.

PU2: Push action. If PU2 is one, it indicates VLAN ID2 will be added, the associated COS is COS2.

SW2: Swap action. If the SW2 flag is one, it indicates the outer VLAN and inner VLAN should be swapped.

RI1 and RI2: Rewrite inner VLAN action. If the RI flag is one, it indicates the inner VLAN should be replaced by a new VLAN, the new VLAN is VLAN ID1, the associated COS is COS1. If the VLAN ID1 is 0, the action is to only modify the COS value of inner VLAN.

R01 and R02: Rewrite outer VLAN action. If the R0 flag is one, it indicates the outer VLAN should be replaced by a new VLAN, the new VLAN is VLAN ID2, the associated COS is COS2. If the VLAN ID2 is 0, the action is to only modify the COS value of outer VLAN.

R1 and R2: Reserved for future use.

Giving an example, if the action of PUSH Inner VLAN 10 with COS value 5 and Outer VLAN 20 with COS value 6 is needed, the format of the VLAN-action extended community is as follows:

```

0                               7                               15
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| 10                               | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| 20                               | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

```

TPID-action: The TPID-action extended community consists of 6 bytes which includes the fields of action Flags, TPID1 and TPID2.

```

0                               15
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| TI | TO |                               Resv                               |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
|                               TP ID1                               |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
|                               TP ID2                               |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

```





TI: Mapping inner TP ID action. If the TI flag is one, it indicates the inner TP ID should be replaced by a new TP ID, the new TP ID is TP ID1.

TO: Mapping outer TP ID action. If the TO flag is one, it indicates the outer TP ID should be replaced by a new TP ID, the new TP ID is TP ID2.

Resv: Reserved for future use.

## **5. IANA Considerations**

IANA is requested to rename currently defined SAFI 134 per [[RFC5575](#)] to read:

134 VPN dissemination of flow specification rules

IANA is requested to create and maintain a new registry for "Flow spec L2VPN Component Types". For completeness, the types defined in [[RFC5575](#)] and [[draft-ietf-idr-flow-spec-v6-06](#)] also are listed here.



| type | RFC or Draft                                   | discription             |
|------|--|-------------------------|
| 1    | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | Destination Prefix      |
| 1    | <a href="#">draft-ietf-idr-flow-spec-v6-06</a> | Destination IPv6 Prefix |
| 2    | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | Source Prefix           |
| 2    | <a href="#">draft-ietf-idr-flow-spec-v6-06</a> | Source IPv6 Prefix      |
| 3    | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | IP Protocol             |
| 3    | <a href="#">draft-ietf-idr-flow-spec-v6-06</a> | Next Header             |
| 4    | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | Port                    |
| 5    | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | Destination port        |
| 6    | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | Source port             |
| 7    | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | ICMP type               |
| 8    | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | ICMP code               |
| 9    | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | TCP flags               |
| 10   | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | Packet length           |
| 11   | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | DSCP                    |
| 12   | <a href="#">RFC5575</a>                        | Fragment                |
| 13   | <a href="#">draft-ietf-idr-flow-spec-v6-06</a> | Flow Label              |
| 14   | This draft                                     | Ethernet Type           |
| 15   | This draft                                     | Source MAC              |
| 16   | This draft                                     | Destination MAC         |
| 17   | This draft                                     | DSAP in LLC             |
| 18   | This draft                                     | SSAP in LLC             |
| 19   | This draft                                     | Control field in LLC    |
| 20   | This draft                                     | SNAP                    |
| 21   | This draft                                     | VLAN ID                 |
| 22   | This draft                                     | VLAN COS                |
| 23   | This draft                                     | Inner VLAN ID           |
| 24   | This draft                                     | Inner VLAN COS          |

IANA is requested to update the reference for the following assignment in the "BGP Extended Communities Type - extended, transitive" registry:

Type value Name Reference

0x080A Flow spec VLAN action [this document]

0x080B Flow spec TPID action [this document]



## **6. Security Considerations**

No new security issues are introduced to the BGP protocol by this specification.

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