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Abstract

This document introduces two additional values in the Information Element `mplsTopLabelType` for IS-IS and OSPF MPLS Segment Routing (SR) extensions to enable Segment Routing label type information in IP Flow Information Export (IPFIX).

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[1.](#) Introduction

Besides existing MPLS control plane protocols such as BGP-4 [[RFC8277](#)], LDP [[RFC5036](#)] and BGP VPN [[RFC4364](#)], IS-IS Extensions [[RFC8667](#)] and OSPF Extensions [[RFC8665](#)] had been added to propagate Segment Routing labels for the MPLS dataplane [[RFC8660](#)].

Traffic Accounting in Segment Routing Networks

[[I-D.ali-spring-sr-traffic-accounting](#)] describes how IPFIX can be leveraged to account traffic to MPLS Segment Routing label dimensions within a Segment Routing domain.

In the Information Model for IP Flow Information Export IPFIX [[RFC5102](#)], the information element #46 `mplsTopLabelType` describes which MPLS control plane protocol allocated the top-of-stack label in the MPLS label stack. [RFC 7012 section 7.2](#) [[RFC7012](#)] describes the IANA Information Element #46 SubRegistry [[IANA-IPFIX-IE46](#)] where new values should be added.

By introducing two new values to information element #46 `mplsTopLabelType` for IS-IS and OSPF, when Segment Routing with one of these two routing protocols is deployed, we get insight which traffic is being forwarded based on which MPLS control plane protocol. A typical use case scenario is to monitor MPLS control plane migrations

from LDP to IS-IS or OSPF. By looking at the label value itself, it is not always clear to which label protocol it belongs to, since they could potentially share the same label allocation range. This is the case for IGP-Adjacency Segment SID's and LDP as an example.

2. IANA Considerations

This document specifies two additional values for IS-IS and OSPF Segment Routing extension in the sub-registry "IPFIX MPLS label type (Value 46)" of the "IPFIX Information Elements" registry in the "IP Flow Information Export (IPFIX) Entities" name space.

Value	Description	Reference
TBD1	IS-IS Segment Routing	RFC8667
TBD2	OSPF Segment Routing	RFC8665

Figure 1: Updates to "IPFIX Information Element #46" SubRegistry

3. Security Considerations

The same security considerations apply as for the IPFIX Protocol [[RFC7012](#)].

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