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Abstract

This document defines IS-IS extensions to support multicast forwarding using the Bit Index Explicit Replication (BIER) with IPv6 encapsulation (BIERv6).

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[1.](#) Introduction

This document defines IS-IS extensions to support multicast forwarding using the Bit Index Explicit Replication (BIER) with IPv6 encapsulation (BIERv6).

The BIER IPv6 encapsulation [[I-D.xie-bier-ipv6-encapsulation](#)] uses a "BIER specific" IPv6 unicast address, the "End.BIER" address, configured locally on a BIER Forwarding Router (BFR) to indicate a "BIER specific handling" in Forwarding Information Base (FIB). This BIER specific IPv6 address, used as part of BIER IPv6 encapsulation, is advertised as a type of Encapsulation sub-sub-TLV within the BIER Info sub-TLV defined [[RFC8401](#)].

The BIFT-id field for each BSL of each Sub-domain is another part of BIER IPv6 encapsulation, and is advertised as a type of Encapsulation sub-sub-TLV within the BIER Info sub-TLV defined [[RFC8401](#)].

The BIER Sub-TLV is advertised within the extended IP reachability TLV as specified by in [\[RFC8401\]](#).

Note the extended IP reachability only includes the TLV 236 (IPv6 IP Reach TLV) [\[RFC5308\]](#) and TLV 237 (MT IPv6 IP Reach TLVs) [\[RFC5120\]](#) in this document.

The following restrictions defined for BIER Sub-TLV in [section 4.2 of \[RFC8401\]](#) apply equally to this document:

- o Prefix length MUST be 128 for an IPv6 prefix.
- o When the Prefix Attributes Flags sub-TLV [\[RFC7794\]](#) is present, the N flag MUST be set and the R flag MUST NOT be set.
- o BIER sub-TLVs and Function Sub-TLVs MUST be included when a prefix reachability advertisement is leaked between levels.

[2.](#) Terminology

Readers of this document are assumed to be familiar with the terminology and concepts of the documents listed as Normative References.

[3.](#) Specification

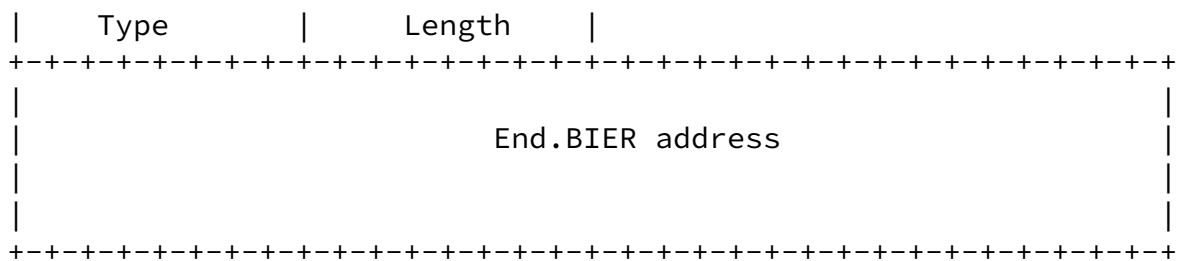
[3.1.](#) Encapsulation sub-sub-TLV of End.BIER address

The Encapsulation sub-sub-TLV carries the information for the End.BIER address of a sub-domain for BIER IPv6 encapsulation. It is advertised within the BIER Info sub-TLV defined in [\[RFC8401\]](#) which in-turn is carried within the TLVs 236 or 237. This sub-sub-TLV MUST appear no more than one time within a single BIER Info sub-TLV. If the sub-sub-TLV appears more than one time, the BIER Info sub-TLV MUST be ignored.

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      0                   1                   2                   3
      0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
      +---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

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Type: 1 octet value indicating "Encapsulation of End.BIER" this IPv6 prefix bound to. TBD1 to be assigned by IANA.

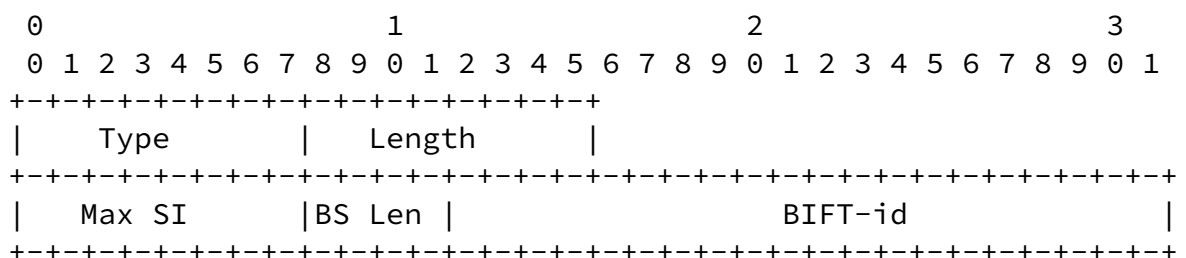
Length: 1 octet length in octets. Value 16 is set to this field.

End.BIER address: 16 octets IPv6 address.

3.2. Encapsulation sub-sub-TLV of BIFT-id for each BSL

The Encapsulation sub-sub-TLV carries the information for the BIER IPv6 encapsulation of a specific BitString length. It is advertised within the BIER Info sub-TLV defined in [RFC8401] which in-turn is carried within the TLVs 236 or 237. This sub-sub-TLV MAY appear multiple times within a single BIER Info sub-TLV. If the same BitString length is repeated in multiple sub-sub-TLVs inside the same BIER Info sub-TLV, the BIER Info sub-TLV MUST be ignored.

When a BIER IPv6 encapsulation sub-sub-TLV of BIFT-id for any BSL appears in a BIER Info sub-TLV, one End.BIER Encapsulation sub-sub-TLV MUST appears in the BIER info sub-TLV, otherwise the BIER Info sub-TLV MUST be ignored.



Type: 1 octet value indicating BIER IPv6 encapsulation. TBD2 to be assigned by IANA.

Length: 1 octet length in octets. Value 4 is set to this field.

Max SI: 1 octet value. Maximum Set Identifier ([Section 1 of RFC8279](#)) used in the encapsulation for this BIER subdomain for this BitString length. Each SI maps to a single BIFT-id in the BIFT-id range. The first BIFT-id is for SI=0, the second BIFT-id is for SI=1, etc. If the BIFT-id associated with the Maximum Set Identifier exceeds the 20-bit range, the sub-sub-TLV MUST be ignored.

BS Len: 4 bits value of Local BitString Length. Encoded BitString length as per [RFC8296](#).

BIFT-id: 20 bits value. First BIFT-id of the range. The BIFT-id(s) are as defined in [RFC8296](#), or refer to [I-D.ietf-bier-lsr-ethernet-extensions](#) for Non-MPLS encapsulation.

[4.](#) Security Considerations

The procedures of this document do not, in themselves, provide privacy, integrity, or authentication for the control plane or the data plane.

[5.](#) IANA Considerations

[5.1.](#) Encapsulation sub-sub-TLV Type Code

Allocation is expected from IANA for two sub-sub-TLV codepoints from the "sub-sub-TLVs for BIER Info sub-TLV" sub-registry.

Type: TBD1 to be assigned by IANA.

Name: BIER IPv6 encapsulation of End.BIER address.

Reference: This document.

Type: TBD2 to be assigned by IANA.

Name: BIER IPv6 Encapsulation of BIFT-id for each BSL.

Reference: This document

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