

**RSVP-TE Extensions to Exchange MPLS-TP LSP Identifiers  
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Abstract

The MPLS Transport Profile (MPLS-TP) identifiers document [[RFC6370](#)] specifies an initial set of identifiers, such as local assigned tunnel number and Global\_ID, which can be used to form Maintenance Entity Point Identifier (MEP\_ID). As to some Operation, Administration and Maintenance (OAM) functions, such as Connectivity Verification (CV) [[RFC6428](#)], source MEP\_ID must be inserted in the OAM packets, so that the peer endpoint can compare the received and expected MEP\_IDs to judge whether there is a mismatch [[RFC6371](#)], which means that the two MEP nodes need to pre-store each other's MEP\_IDs.

This document defines the signaling extensions to exchange the Label Switched Path (LSP) identifiers.

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## **1. Introduction**

The MPLS Transport Profile (MPLS-TP) identifiers document [[RFC6370](#)] specifies a initial set of identifiers, such as local assigned tunnel number (Tunnel\_Num) and Global\_ID, which can be used to form Maintenance Entity Point Identifier (MEP\_ID). The MPLS-TP LSP\_MEP\_ID is Node\_ID::Tunnel\_Num::LSP\_Num, and in situations where global uniqueness is required, this becomes: Global\_ID::Node\_ID::Tunnel\_Num::LSP\_Num. In order to realize some Operation, Administration and Maintenance (OAM) functions, such as Connectivity Verification (CV) [[RFC6428](#)], source MEP-ID MUST be inserted in the OAM packets, in this way the peer endpoint can compare the received and expected MEP-IDs to judge whether there is a mismatch [[RFC6371](#)]. Hence, the two MEP nodes must pre-store each other's MEP-IDs before sending the CV packets.

Obviously, the exchange of MEP\_IDs can be accomplished by the Network Management System (NMS), but it is complex when the LSPs cross different administration domains, which involves the cooperation of NMSs. When the LSPs are set up by control plane, Resource Reservation Protocol Traffic Engineering (RSVP-TE) messages will be more suitable to realize the exchange of MEP\_IDs.

Since the LSP identifiers can be carried in an Extended ASSOCIATION object, which may also be used in a single session [[I-D.ietf-ccamp-assoc-ext](#)], it is naturally to define the signaling extensions of co-routed and associated bidirectional LSP to exchange the LSP identifiers based on the Extended ASSOCIATION object.

## **2. Conventions used in this document**

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC2119](#)].

## **3. Operation**

### **3.1. Co-routed Bidirectional LSP**

Consider that LSP1 is across different administration domains, which is initialized at A1 node with an Extended ASSOCIATION object inserted in Path message. Association Type is set to "LSP Identifiers", Association ID set to A1-Tunnel\_Num, Association Source set to A1-Node\_ID, Global Association Source set to A1-Global\_ID, and the Extended Association ID field is omitted. Upon receipt of the Extended Association Object, the terminating node Z9 checks the



Association Type field. If it is "LSP Identifiers" and an Upstream\_Label exists in Path message, the Extended ASSOCIATION object must be carried in the Resv message also. Similarly, Association Type is set to "LSP Identifiers", Association ID set to Z9-Tunnel\_Num, Association Source set to Z9-Node\_ID, Global Association Source set to Z9-Global\_ID, and the Extended Association ID field is omitted.

### **3.2. Associated Bidirectional LSP**

The document [[I-D.ietf-ccamp-mppls-tp-rsvpte-ext-associated-lsp](#)] discusses the provisioning models and signaling procedures of associated bidirectional LSPs. Consider the example provided there, when LSP1 and LSP2 are bound together to be an associated bidirectional LSP which is across several administration domains, the global ID filled in the Extended Association objects with Association Type set to "Double Sided Associated Bidirectional LSP" or "Single Sided Associated Bidirectional LSP" is A-Global\_ID or B-Global\_ID. If it is A-Global\_ID, node A still does know the global ID of node B in case that LSP1 and LSP2 are across several administration domains. Since multiple Association objects have always been supported in Path messages, an Extended Association object with Association Type "LSP Identifiers" can be inserted in the Path messages of associated bidirectional LSPs to let the terminating nodes exchange each others LSP identifiers.

If double sided provisioning model is used, the values of an Extended Association object in LSP1's Path message are set as below : Association Type set to "LSP Identifiers", Association ID set to A-Tunnel\_Num, Association Source set to A-Node\_ID, Global Association Source set to A-Global\_ID, and the Extended Association ID field omitted; the object in LSP2's Path message are set similarly : Association Type is set to "LSP Identifiers", Association ID set to B-Tunnel\_Num, Association Source set to B-Node\_ID, Global Association Source set to B-Global\_ID, and the Extended Association ID field omitted. While in case that single sided provisioning model is adopted, in the initialized LSP1's Path message, the values of an Extended Association object are set as following: Association Type set to "LSP Identifiers", Association ID set to A-Tunnel\_Num, Association Source set to A-Node\_ID, Global Association Source set to A-Global\_ID, and the Extended Association ID field omitted. When node B receives this Path message, LSP2 is triggered to be established by the received Extended ASSOCIATION objects with the Association Type "Single Sided Associated Bidirectional LSPs" and "LSP Identifiers". The Extended Association Object with Association Type "LSP Identifiers" inserted in LSP2's Path message is like: Association ID set to B-Tunnel\_Num, Association Source set to B-Node\_ID, Global Association Source set to B-Global\_ID, and the



Extended Association ID field omitted.

## **4. RSVP-TE Extensions**

### **4.1. Association Type**

Within the current document, a new Association Type is defined in the Extended ASSOCIATION object.

Value	Type
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6 (TBD)	LSP Identifiers (L)

See [[I-D.ietf-ccamp-assoc-ext](#)] for the definition of other fields and values.

The rules associated with the processing of the Extended ASSOCIATION objects in RSVP message are discussed in [[I-D.ietf-ccamp-assoc-ext](#)]. It said that in the absence of Association Type-specific rules for identifying association, the included Extended ASSOCIATION objects MUST be identical. Since the Association Type "LSP Identifiers" used here is to carry LSP identifier, there is no need to associate Path state to Path state or Resv state to Resv state, one specific rule is added: when the Association Type is "LSP Identifiers", the Extended ASSOCIATION object can appear in Path or Resv message across sessions or in a single session, and the values can be different.

## **5. IANA Considerations**

IANA is requested to administer assignment of new values for namespace defined in this document and summarized in this section.

One bit ("LSP Identifiers") needs to be allocated in the Association Type Registry.

## **6. Security Considerations**

A new Association Type is defined in this document, and except this, there are no security issues about the Extended ASSOCIATION object are introduced here. For Association object related security issues, see the documents [[RFC4872](#)], [[RFC4873](#)], and [[I-D.ietf-ccamp-assoc-ext](#)].





For a more comprehensive discussion on GMPLS security please see the Security Framework for MPLS and GMPLS Networks [[RFC5920](#)].

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