IETF 102 - ALTO WG

ALTO-based Broker-assisted Multi-domain Orchestration - 01

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Draft in a nutshell

- Presents an inter-domain brokering approach on top of the per-domain management and orchestration planes.
 - > to assist and coordinate the creation of an End-to-End Network Service (E2ENS) spanning over multi-operator multi-domain networks.
- Design resorts to the Application-Layer Traffic Optimization (ALTO) protocol.
 - > to provide proper abstractions to discover and adequately represent in confidentiality-preserving fashion the resource and topology information from different administrative domains.
- The draft introduces an extension to the ALTO base protocol for inter-domain resource/service/connectivity information discovery.

Updates from -00

- Updated Problem Statement and Challenges section.
- Removed Property Map Extension section.
- Added section on benefits and open questions in our proposed architecture.
- Many minor style and grammar edits.

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Removed Property Map Extension

- Required extension (Ver-00):
 - "Response" Specification: For each property name defined in the resource's "capabilities" list, the corresponding property value MUST be encoded as JSONArray instead of JSONString.
- The required extension section for the ALTO Property Map was removed
 - The current Property Map draft IDRAFT-PM already supports property values encoded as JSONArray:

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...
object {
    PropertyName -> JSONValue;
} EntityProps;
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Benefits

- Avoid the distribution of topology and resource information in a peer-to-peer fashion (MdO-to-MdO).
- The (abstracted) information and offered resources/services are maintained in each local MdO.
- An ALTO-based privacy-preserving information model to provide topology/resource/service info.
- An MdO discovery method to determine the underlying network graph and a potential set of paths before bilateral negotiation between MdOs is started.

Open Issues

- What kind of organization will manage and support the operation of a broker entity?
 - Future deployment of SDN at IXPs can be used as a trusted third-party platform to support rich business models between different operators [DRAFT-HHSFC]
- The broker entity maintains a centralized database and hence it could a point of failure. How avoid this single point of failure?
 - Local restoration/replication options may be applied.
- How is the fine-grained/coarse-grained information exchange handled?
 - It requires much more complex database handling and information exchange with the MdOs depending on the policies.

Next Steps

- This draft may potentially introduce a new service to ALTO (in the context of Multi-domain orchestration scenarios).
 - Use case examples are needed to support the creation of a new ALTO service
- What is still missing in the draft?
 - Identify which issues need further discussion.
 - Problem Statement and Challenges
 - Terminology, etc.
 - > Define a more elaborated NFFG object to support extended parameters. (E.g., Monitoring parameters, Resource requirements, etc.)
- Gather feedback from the WG
 - -01 version reviewed by Richard Yang:
 - Comments addressed in -02
- Interest in adopting the draft in ALTO WG?