Architecture for Use of BGP as Central Controller

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Introduction

BGP (core part of network)
- has link state information, including TE [RFC7752], can compute optimal path
- controls redirection of traffic flows [RFC5575]
- distributes MPLS labels [RFC3107]
- has Route Reflector (RR) [RFC4456]

Using BGP as a controller
- is natural, beneficial and relatively simple to extend BGP to be a controller
- simplifies operations on network
- uses network resources efficiently
- can provide services with high quality
CSPF: Compute paths for tunnel such as SR or LSP tunnel, satisfying constraints using TEDB.

TEDB (TED): maintains TE information such as bandwidth for every link in a network.

SID/Label Database (SLDB): records and maintains status of every Segment Identifier (SID) and label for every node, interface/link and/or prefix in the network.

Tunnel and Path DB (TPDB): Stores information for every tunnel (Paths, TE resources reserved, SID/Labels assigned, parameters, status).

Tunnel Manager (TM):
1) receives request for an operation on a tunnel,
2) gets a path for tunnel,
3) reserves resources,
4) sets up tunnel along path.

Tunnel from PE1 to PE4
Reference Architectures

One Controller

Controller Cluster

Hierarchical Controllers
One Controller

- **In**: Creates/deletes tunnel along path
  - TEDB gets initial TE info of network
  - SLDB gets initial labels info of network

- **Ia**: gets paths for tunnel from a source to a destination, satisfying constraints
- **Ib**: Reserves/releases TE resources for tunnel
- **Ic**: Reserves/releases labels for SID/Label
- **Id**: stores/updates info for tunnel

**BGP Controller**

**CSPF**

**TM**

**TEDB**

**SLDB**

**TPDB**

**API to Network (BGP/RR+)**

- **In**: Creates/deletes tunnel along path
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**Tunnel from PE1 to PE4**
Controller Cluster

Users/Applications (Orchestrator/OSS/NMS)

Controller Cluster

Primary BGP-based controller

Secondary BGP-based controller

API (BGP/RR+)

Tunnel from PE1 to PE4

controller Cluster

Primary BGP-based controller

Secondary BGP-based controller

Third BGP-based controller

N-th BGP-based controller

Controller Cluster

Tunnel from PE1 to PE4
Hierarchical Controllers

Parent/upper controller
- Optimal E2E Path Computation
- E2E Tunnel Creation/Deletion/Update
Next Step

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