## Probing IP Interfaces By Virtual Function Index

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## An Extension To Probe (RFC 8335)

- Probe sends an ICMP Extended Echo Request to a proxy interface that resides on a proxy node
  - The ICMP message identifies a probed interface
  - The probed interface can reside on the proxy node or on a node that is directly connected to the proxy node
- The proxy node returns an ICMP Extended Echo Response
  - The ICMP Extended Echo response reflects the status of the probed interface
- Probe is useful when the probed interface is unnumbered or otherwise unreachable

## ICMP Extended Echo Request

- Currently identifies probed interface by:
  - Name
  - Address
  - IfIndex
- This draft adds capability to identify the probed interface by Virtual Function Index
  - This is just a different kind of index
  - Single Root I/O Virtualization and Sharing environments

## Next Steps

- Not much to see here
- Draft is only 5 pages long
- Please issue call for adoption to stimulate review