

Export of MPLS-SR Label Type Information in IPFIX

Enabling insights in MPLS-SR forwarding plane
by adding Segment Routing dimensions

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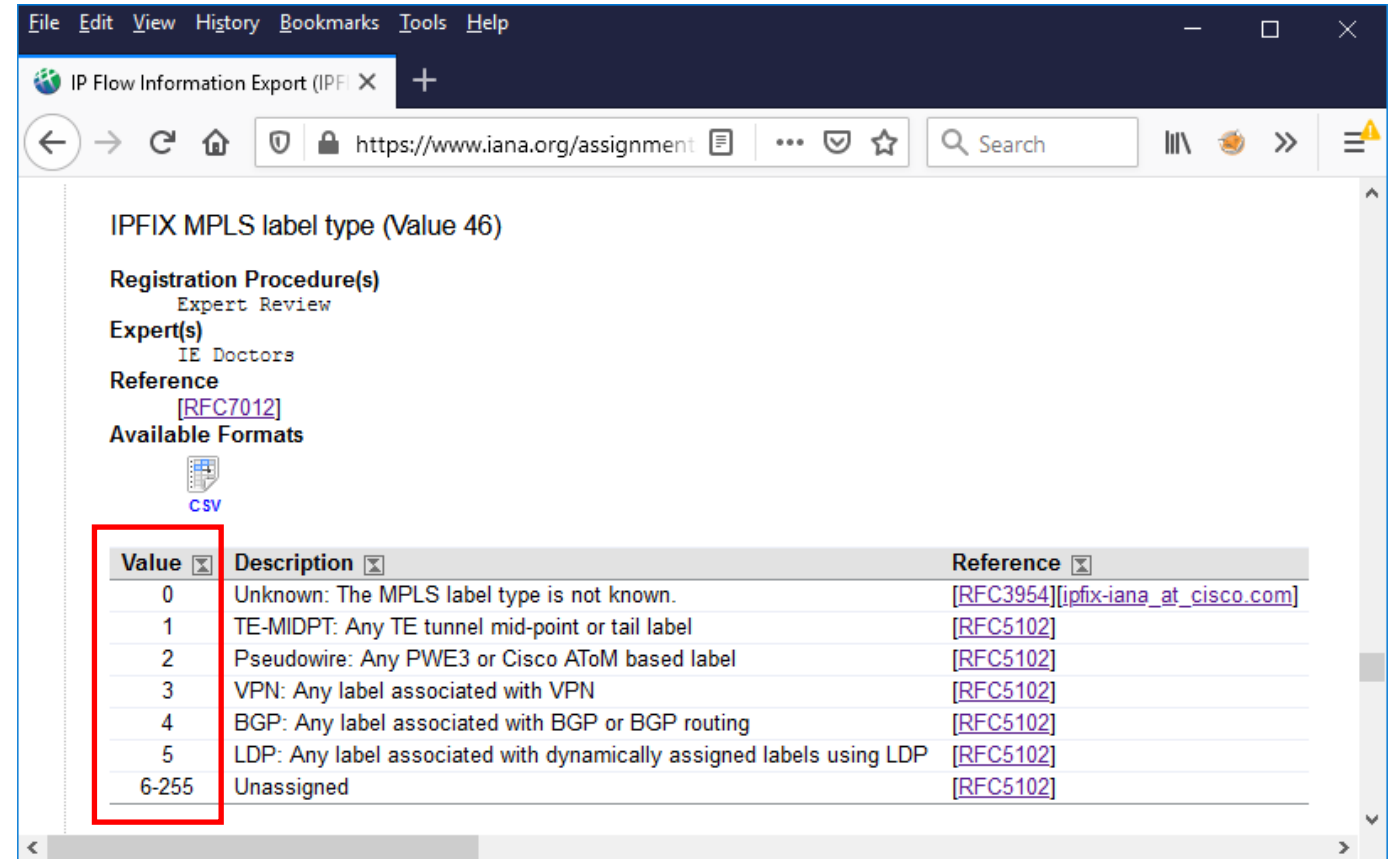
- MPLS-SR uses the existing MPLS data plane.
- Therefore, looking how IPFIX metrics are exposed at a current MPLS-SR vendor implementation we see **not much of a difference to classical MPLS**.
- Looking more deeply, **we notice "not much" is pretty much what is missing**.
- mplsTopLabelType is referencing LDP even though there isn't any LDP anymore. -> Funny

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> Frame 527: 182 bytes on wire (1456 bits), 182 bytes captured (1456 bits) on 0
> Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_ea:ad:1c (00:32:17:ea:ad:1c), Dst: Vmware_21:95:d2 (00:0c:29:21:95:d2)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 138.187.57.63, Dst: 138.187.58.13
> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 44542, Dst Port: 9991
Cisco NetFlow/IPFIX
  Version: 9
  Count: 1
  SysUptime: 516154.381000000 seconds
  > Timestamp: Feb 23, 2020 13:57:18.000000000 W. Europe Standard Time
  FlowSequence: 23685
  SourceId: 0
  > FlowSet 1 [id=313] (1 flows)
    FlowSet Id: (Data) (313)
    FlowSet Length: 120
    [Template Frame: 9]
    > Flow 1
      > MPLS-Label1: 17002 exp-bits: 0
      > MPLS-Label2: 24622 exp-bits: 0 bottom-of-stack
      > MPLS-Label3: 0 exp-bits: 0
      > MPLS-Label4: 0 exp-bits: 0
      > MPLS-Label5: 0 exp-bits: 0
      > MPLS-Label6: 0 exp-bits: 0
      InputInt: 87
      OutputInt: 111
      Octets: 216000
      Packets: 2000
      > [Duration: 5.753000000 seconds (switched)]
      TopLabelAddr: 138.187.57.13
      SrcAddr: ::
      DstAddr: ::
      ipv6FlowLabel: 0
      IPv6 Extension Headers: 0x00000000
      SrcAddr: 10.248.4.236
      DstAddr: 10.248.4.222
      SrcPort: 0
      DstPort: 2048
      MPLS Top Label Prefix Length: 32
      TopLabelType: LDP (5)
      > Forwarding Status
      Direction: Ingress (0)
      IP ToS: 0x00
      Protocol: ICMP (1)
      > TCP Flags: 0x00
      SamplerID: 1
      Ingress VRFID: 1610612736
      Egress VRFID: 1610612736
      Padding: 0000
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IANA code points

- Looking at IANA makes it clear, there is **NO** mplsTopLabelType code point for BGP, IS-IS, OSPFv2 and OSPFv3 Segment Routing.



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Reference
[\[RFC7012\]](#)

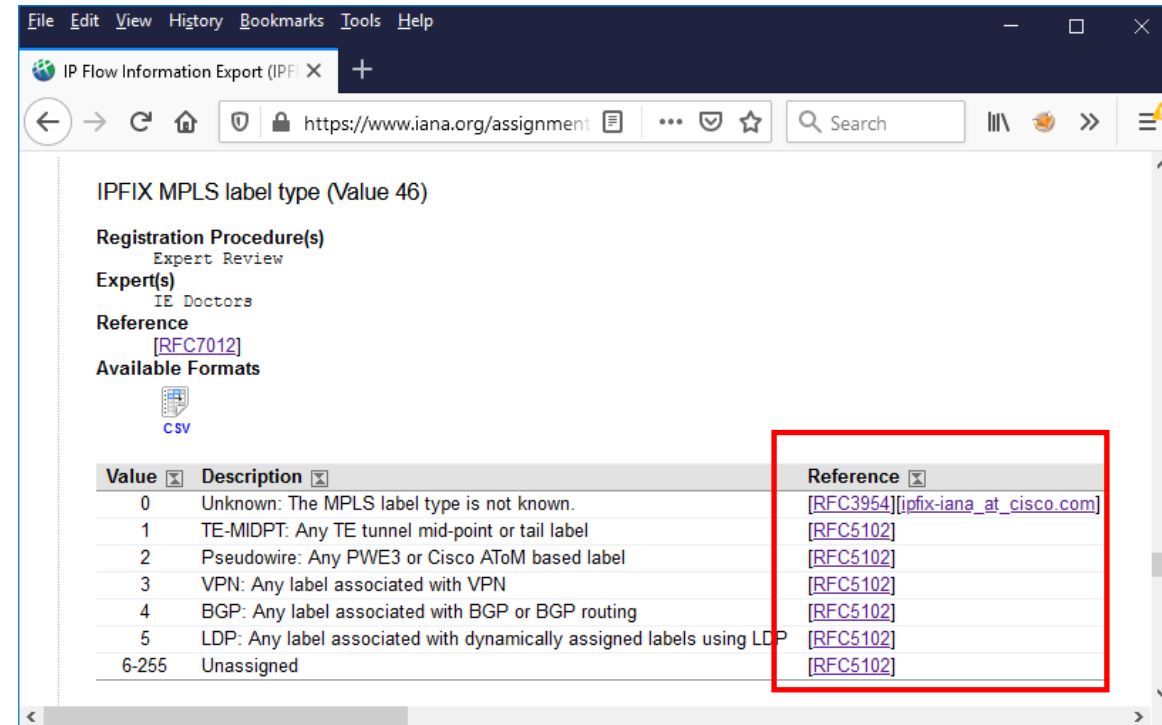
Available Formats
[CSV](#)

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2	Pseudowire: Any PWE3 or Cisco AToM based label	[RFC5102]
3	VPN: Any label associated with VPN	[RFC5102]
4	BGP: Any label associated with BGP or BGP routing	[RFC5102]
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6-255	Unassigned	[RFC5102]

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IANA Reference vs. Requester

- Two IPFIX doctor reviews, revealed that requester column is hidden at IANA and content in reference column should be in requester column and vice versa.
- Needs to be fixed before registry can be updated with new code points. Awaiting feedback from IANA.



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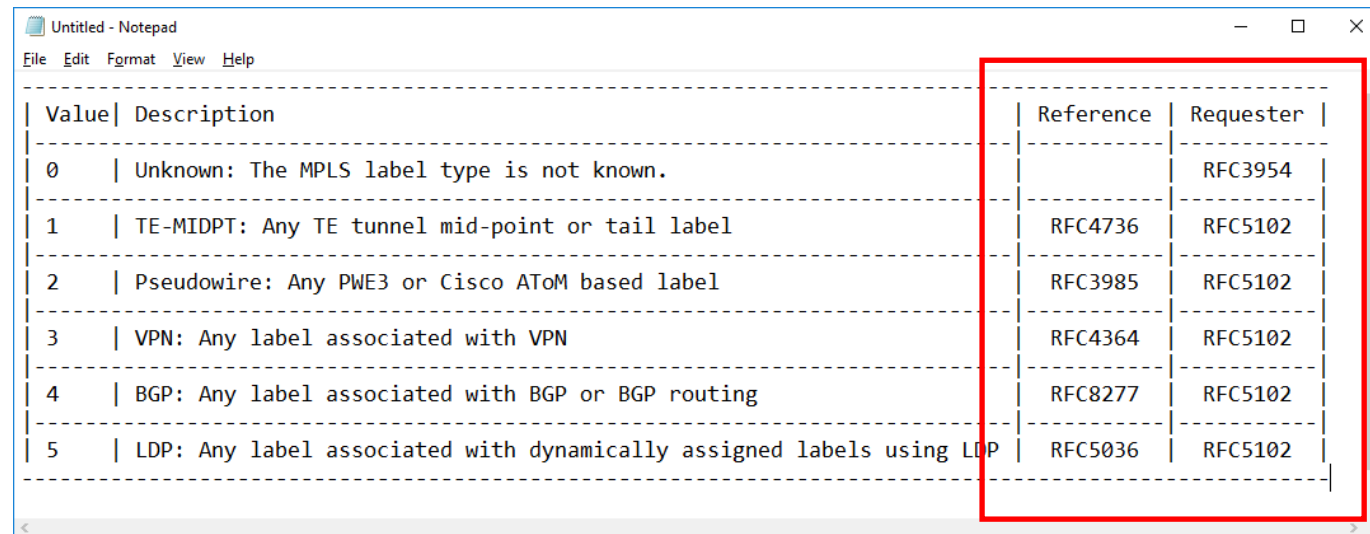
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Value	Description	Reference	Requester
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1	TE-MIDPT: Any TE tunnel mid-point or tail label	RFC4736	RFC5102
2	Pseudowire: Any PWE3 or Cisco AToM based label	RFC3985	RFC5102
3	VPN: Any label associated with VPN	RFC4364	RFC5102
4	BGP: Any label associated with BGP or BGP routing	RFC8277	RFC5102
5	LDP: Any label associated with dynamically assigned labels using LDP	RFC5036	RFC5102

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Draft Status

- Feedback collected from SPRING, MPLS, LSR and OPSAWG lists.
 - Called for adoption at IETF 108 OPSAWG. Piano feedback received with comment to review SrSidType and fix existing IE46 registry.
 - SrSidType removed from -05 version (backup slides) in favor of draft-ietf-spring-sr-yang-23#section-8.3
 - Two IE-DOCTOR reviews received and IE46 registry correction submitted to IANA and currently pending.
- > Call for adoption at OPSAWG at IETF 110 again**

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RFC 8402, SID's, SID's

- Segment Routing is all about SID's.
- An Adjacency-SID can be used by TI-LFA or uLoop avoidance to use a different path to the Prefix SID than what the routing protocol calculated as best path.
- Where are the SID's in IPFIX?
-> **Nowhere!**

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- Segment Routing adds the source routing paradigm to MPLS and enhances IGP routing protocol to carry label information.
- Let's bring visibility into **how Segment Routing** applications **change** the **MPLS** forwarding plane.
- "Show me all MPLS-SR controlled traffic where Adj-SID's were used, group by Label Stack, and show for each through which nodes and interfaces it was forwarded."
- Fill the missing gaps at IPFIX:
 - Update **mplsTopLabelType**
 - Introduce **SrSidType**

