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BGP Color-Aware Routing (CAR) Problem Statement

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BGP Color-Aware Routing - Objective

- Define BGP based routing solution to establish end-to-end intent-aware paths across a multi-domain service provider network environment
 - Intent : Example low-latency path between two PEs

Reminder – Deployed Solution

- SR-TE
 - ietf-spring-segment-routing-policy
 - Mature, widely deployed, multiple implementations
 - Defines notion of Color to represent intent

Colored Service Route Signaling from E3 to E1



- Key point: E1 learns about the "intent" (here for underlay SLA) requested by a route via its color
- The VPN route is said to be "colored" (<> color-aware)
- Color is widely supported BGP Color Extended-Community

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Automated Steering via SR-TE Color-Aware Path



- When E1 receives a Colored Service route from E3
- E1 requests its SR-PCE1 to compute the inter-domain path
- SR-PCE1 sends the SR Policy to E1 with label/SID stack
- E3, C1 is a SR-Policy Color-Aware Path in underlay that provides intent-aware path to E3

Automated Steering Evolution - BGP Color-Aware Route



• E3, C1 is a Color-Aware BGP route in underlay that provides intent-aware path to E3

Multiple Intents with BGP Color-Aware Routes



Reference Deployment Design

- Well-known MPLS network reference deployment designs:
 - Seamless MPLS
 - Inter-AS option C
- Ultra-large-scale multi-domain network with around 300K nodes
 - Core, Metro, Aggregation, Access layers
- Multiple intents (1 best-effort and 4 intents for example)
 - Low-latency
 - Plane 1 & Plane 2
 - Avoidance (links/nodes/domains for regulatory, security, quality, etc.)

Types of Intent bound to a Color

- Minimization of different metrics link cost, latency
 - Minimization of different metric types, static and dynamic
- Exclusion/Inclusion of SRLG and/or Link Affinity
- In the inter-domain context, exclusion/inclusion of entire domains, and border routers
- Minimum MTU / number of hops / MSD
- Bandwidth management, to the extent possible
- Inclusion of one or several virtual network function chains
 - Localization of the virtual network function chains

Focus of Problem Statement Draft

• Crisp, technical analysis of intent use-cases and protocol requirements

- Consistency, co-existence, interworking with deployed SR-Policy based solution
 - Color to drive automated steering

- Widened problem scope
 - Intent-aware VPN service layer
 - NFV Integration

Problem Statement Draft Contd.

- Clarity on deployment requirements
 - E2E paths across domains with different technologies and encapsulations

- Clarity on Scale requirements and constraints
 - Data Plane (MPLS label space / FIB)
 - Control Plane (BGP) Filtering

Collaboration

- Collaboration & review with lead operators, vendors on analysis
 - Acknowledge many contributors in draft
- Recognize prior work
 - Seamless SR/Classful Transport
- Ongoing collaboration effort with SSR co-authors for consensus
 - Reached out through co-authors in Nov/Dec
 - Recognized prior publication on use-cases / illustrations
 - We published problem statement with analytical approach as contribution
 - SSR co-authors acknowledged feedback & split their document
 - Joint discussion progressing well for eventual partnership, new sets of documents

Next Steps

• Request review from Working Group