

CONNECT-IP

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CONNECT-IP

- Allows endpoints to set up an IP tunnel between one another
- This can be used to implement:
 - A consumer VPN
 - A point-to-point IP tunnel (e.g., overlay mesh)
 - A point-to-network IP tunnel (e.g., corporate VPN)
 - A network-to-network IP tunnel (e.g., Site-to-Site VPN)
- Use-cases detailed in [draft-ietf-masque-ip-proxy-reqs-02](#)

Datagrams

- IP Packets are conveyed using HTTP Datagrams
 - Either QUIC DATAGRAM frame
 - or DATAGRAM capsule
- Payload is full IP packet, from the IP Version field until the last byte of the IP Payload.
 - Extensions may add additional formats using REGISTER_DATAGRAM_CONTEXT

Aside: Forwarding packets

- CONNECT-IP endpoints act as IP routers
- When receiving an encapsulated packet
 - Parse IP header
 - Check local policy (e.g., source address validation)
 - Transmit using implementation-specific mechanism
- When receiving a CONNECT-IP tunnel-bound packet
 - Perform same forwarding checks as above
 - Transmit inside the tunnel

ADDRESS_REQUEST & ADDRESS_ASSIGN

- ADDRESS_REQUEST: used to request an IP address
ADDRESS_REQUEST Capsule {
 IP Version (8),
 IP Address (32..128),
 IP Prefix Length (8),
}
- ADDRESS_ASSIGN: used to assign an IP address to the peer
ADDRESS_ASSIGN Capsule {
 IP Version (8),
 IP Address (32..128),
 IP Prefix Length (8),
}

ROUTE_ADVERTISEMENT, ROUTE_REJECTION, ROUTE_RESET

- These allow an endpoint to communicate what routes they have to their peer
- When an endpoint receives it, it decides whether to use the route or not
- Can apply local policy

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- ROUTE_ADVERTISEMENT: Informs peer it's willing to route traffic to prefix.
ROUTE_ADVERTISEMENT Capsule {
 IP Version (8),
 IP Address (32..128),
 IP Prefix Length (8),
}
- ROUTE_REJECTION message allows an endpoint to communicate to its peer that it is not willing to route traffic to a given prefix. Message body is identical to ROUTE_ADVERTISEMENT
- ROUTE_RESET message allows an endpoint to cancel any routes it had previously advertised or rejected.

ATOMIC_START & ATOMIC_END

- Allows applying all configuration in one step, avoids leaking prefixes
- `ATOMIC_START`: used to begin a series of atomic set of messages.

```
ATOMIC_START Capsule {  
}
```

- `ATOMIC_END`: used to end a series of atomic set of messages.

```
ATOMIC_END Capsule {  
}
```


SHUTDOWN

- SHUTDOWN: used to indicate to peer that the endpoint is closing the CONNECT-IP stream, with a string explaining the reason for the shutdown.

```
SHUTDOWN Capsule {  
    Reason Phrase (...),  
}
```

CONNECT-IP Extensibility

- Three main extension mechanisms
 - HTTP Headers, Capsule types, Datagram context extensions
- Examples of possible extensions
 - Configure DNS server IPs as a Capsule
 - Authentication/Authorization data as an HTTP Header
 - Sending only IP Payload on the wire (compression of IP header)
 - HTTP Datagram context to map context ID to IP headers

```
STREAM(44): CAPSULE ----->
  Capsule Type = REGISTER_DATAGRAM_CONTEXT
  Context ID = 2
  Context Extension = {IP_COMPRESSION=tcp,192.0.2.6:9876,192.0.2.7:443}
```

```
DATAGRAM ----->
  Quarter Stream ID = 11
  Context ID = 2
  Payload = Compressed IP Packet
```

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