SRv6-based BGP Service Capability

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Background

- SRv6 based BGP services [I-D.ietf-bess-srv6-services]
  - leverages the existing AFI/SAFI of MPLS-based services
  - SRv6 Service SID: SID associated with the service-specific Endpoint behavior on PE, enclosed in SRv6 Service TLV(s) within the BGP Prefix-SID Attribute attached to MP-BGP NLRIs

- Encoding of SRv6 service SIDs:
  - SRv6 Service SIDs encoded as a whole in the SRv6 Services TLVs, the MPLS Label field(s) of the NLRI set to Implicit NULL
  - locator carried in SRv6 Services TLV, function and/or argument in the MPLS Label field of the NLRI
Advertising SRv6-based service routes to legacy devices may result in service failure and/or abnormal extra traffic flows in the network.

PE1----PE3

➢ Control Plane
• PE3: advertises both SRv6 VPN route and MPLS VPN route
• PE1: discards the SRv6 Service TLV, treats the SRv6-based route as a MPLS-based route - --> two MPLS VPN routes for the same service on PE1

➢ Data Plane
• PE1: chooses the wrong route and uses the label field in the NLRI of SRv6 route as MPLS VPN label for packet encapsulation
• PE3: sends packets to the wrong service instance/ drops them
Advertisement of SRv6 Service Routes

“Implementations SHOULD provide a mechanism to control advertisement of SRv6-based BGP service routes on a per neighbor and per service basis.”  [I-D.ietf-bess-srv6-services]

General configuration steps :

- Get each PE’s capability for SRv6-based service routes.
- Config on PEs or S-RR based on their capabilities (per neighbor).
  - PEs: Specify which neighbors can the SRv6 service routes be advertised to when configuring SRv6 services on the PEs.
  - S-RR: SRv6 service routes would not be reflected to legacy devices that don’t support SRv6.

Disadvantages :

- The per neighbor configuration needs to vary with the device capability.
- Additional steps increase the possibility of faults and the difficulty of troubleshooting.
- Possible interconnection problems among multiple vendors.
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- The Capabilities Optional Parameter [RFC5492] in the BGP OPEN message allows BGP speakers to communicate capabilities.

- A new Capability Code for SRv6-based BGP service capability.
  - A BGP speaker MUST NOT send any UPDATE message that includes the SRv6 service TLVs, unless it has sent the SRv6-based BGP service capability in its BGP OPEN message, or it has received the SRv6-based BGP service capability in the BGP OPEN message from its peer.
  - If the capability for SRv6-based services is enabled or removed, an established session needs to be reset to resend the OPEN message.

The advertisement of SRv6-based BGP service routes is controlled without per neighbor configuration, which makes it easier to implement and manage SRv6-based services in the network.
Next Steps

• Request feedbacks and comments
Thank You!