Interconnection Intents

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Motivation and objectives (reminder)

• Interconnection today is conceived only as pure IP traffic interchange
• BGP as base protocol for this (sessions advertising reachability of IP prefixes)

• New models for interconnecting SDN/NFV/Edge enabled networks are required (E.g., for deploying or requesting specific VNFs and service graphs, i.e. SFCs)
• Apart from IP prefixes can be required advertisement of Service Functions and/or DATA Center capabilities
Summary of the draft (reminder)

• Target: to leverage on IBN technologies to handle enriched interconnection requests (i.e., traffic interchange and beyond)

• Scenarios of applicability:
  • Interconnection of non-public to public Networks in 5G
  • Multi-domain Network-as-a-Service requests (see e.g. sec.4.4 in RFC8568)
  • Multi-domain Network Virtualization (draft-bernardos-nmrg-multidomain-01)

• Modes of usage for interconnection intents
  • only IP traffic interconnection (i.e., traditional peering / transit)
  • service (e.g., CDNi as defined e.g. by IETF CDNI or Streaming Video Alliance)
  • VNaaS (e.g., packet core capabilities for MVNOs), for instance leveraging on draft-ietf-teas-sf-aware-topo-model
  • Computing capabilities (for instantiating functions/containers on top), for instance leveraging on draft-llc-teas-dc-aware-topo-model
  • Any combination of the ones before

• Benefits:
  • Establish a common, normalized method among service providers for automated interconnection
  • Simple way of expressing enriched interconnection request further than pure IP traffic interchange
Updates from -03 version

• Proposal of structure for the intents based on the approaches followed in ETSI ZSM, ETSI NFV or 3GPP, through objects containing:
  • **Expectation**: it refers to the expectation(s) of an intent including the requirements, goals, constraints and context that apply to it
  • **Target**: it refers to the behavioral outcomes resulting from the configurations derived from the intent expectation. A given intent expectation may include various targets
  • **Condition**: it applies to the value of the target.
  • **Context**: It describes constraints or conditions applicable to the intent expectation.
Example - interconnection of service functions in different domains

- **IntentExpectation**: SF_interconnect
  - **IntentTarget**: ServiceFunction
    - **IntentTargetValue**: SF2
    - **IntentContext**: SForigin = SF1
  - **IntentTarget**: Location
    - **IntentTargetValue**: Zone_X
  - **IntentTarget**: SLO_Bandwidth
    - **IntentTargetValue**: 1 Gbps
    - **IntentTargetContext**: 90%
  - **IntentTarget**: SLO_Latency
    - **IntentTargetValue**: 10 ms
    - **IntentTargetCondition**: lower than
Chairs’ questions

• Next steps and objectives beyond the draft itself:
  • Definition of intents in line with the work in ETSI ZSM, ETSI NFV and 3GPP (TMForum approach is a bit different).
  • For this intents in particular, Telefonica is working on the implementation of a framework of intents within EU research projects, and it will be released as opensource
  • Alpha version here, by now focused on the connectivity part -> https://gitlab.eclipse.org/eclipse-research-labs/nemo-project/nemo-infrastructure-management/federated-meta-network-cluster-controller/intent-based-system/-/tree/develop?ref_type=heads

• Design choice when you investigate the use –case:
  • We are following the kind of intends defined in ETSI ZSM, ETSI NFV and 3GPP. While similar, they are not exactly the same.
  • Some differences could apply also here. Investigating augmentations / adaptations.

• Encountered problems / lessons learned:
  • One concern is the scalability of the intents. The current approach in all that SDOs is monolithic. That is, the intents are not modular. Ongoing discussions for modular intents

• Positioning regarding IBN propositions in other SDOs
  • We are trying to follow similar approach, even though will would not as simple as just copy and paste
  • Following a common approach could facilitate the reusability of intents defined in other SDOs.

• Remaining challenges / problems
  • The main one is the completion on the definition of the exemplary intents, then the work on scalability
  • Also the composition / decomposition of intents.
Next steps

• Discuss on the proper structure of intents for this use case (and others)
• Collect feedback on the approach followed
• Keep working on the intent framework