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Requirements for IP Multicast Session Announcement in the Internet

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Goal

- Clarify the issues SAP has, and show the requirements for IP multicast session announcement protocols / procedures
- No protocol definition or solution mentioned in this draft

Requirements

- Information consistency
- Low information update latency
- Low bandwidth consumption
- Scalability
- High availability
- Scope control
- No dependency on a routing architecture
- Sender and receiver control
- Security consideration

Information Consistency

• Information consistency, which warrants that end users have a consistent view of session announcement, is of major importance.

Low Information Update Latency

 The list of multicast channels should be updated rapidly after the creation, modification, or removal of the session information.

Low Bandwidth Consumption

 IP multicast session announcement should effectively consume the network bandwidth so that it does not affect other communications or services

Scalability and High Availability

- Session announcement can be used by a large number of end users spread throughout the Internet, and can manage a very large number of sessions
- The scheme must be robust in front of host/ link failures and packet losses. This can be fulfilled either by transmitting messages periodically or by keeping track of failures and recovering them

Scope Control

 Scope control is required to preserve bandwidth resources and offer a certain level of confidentiality in IP multicast communication.

No Dependency on a Routing Architecture

 The session announcement scheme must accommodate (or be independent of) any kind of multicast routing protocol or communication model

Sender and Receiver Control

 Administrators must be able to allow to announce multicast sessions only from approved multicast senders and only to approved multicast data receivers in their network. They must be able to filter out malicious users.

Security Consideration

 In order to provide secure multicast communication, session announcement should have a function that enables to encrypt session information and distribute it to only the legitimate users

Next Steps

- Revise the draft
 - Need comments and inputs from mboned members
 - Detail the requirements