

Segment Routing IPv6

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Current SR-IPv6 Drafts

- draft-ietf-spring-ipv6-use-cases (SPRING WG)
 - describes the SR-IPv6 use cases
- draft-previdi-6man-segment-routing-header (6MAN WG)
 - describes a new type of the Routing Header (SRH)
- draft-vyncke-6man-segment-routing-security (6MAN WG)
 - describes the security mechanisms applied to the SRH

Segment Routing for IPv6 Dataplane

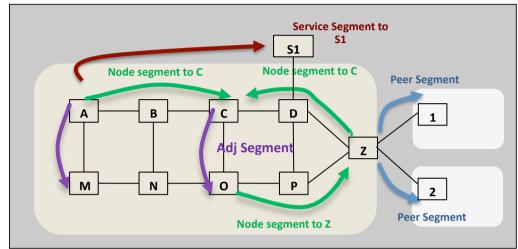
- A Segment is identified through its IPv6 address
 - No mapping needed between SIDs and node's addresses
 - Simplifies signaling of nodes and prefixes SIDs
- New Routing Extensions Header type
 - Segment Routing Header (SRH)
 - Contains Segment List, Policy List, HMAC and flags

Segment Routing and the Source Based Routing

Model

 Segment Routing Leverages the source routing model as defined in RFC2460...

 Segment Routing basic component is called "segment" and consists of an instruction with an identifier



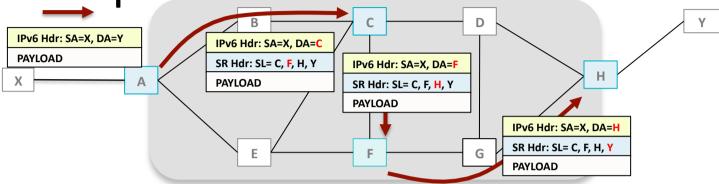
- E.g.: send packet towards this node address following IGP Shortest Path
- E.g.: send this packet through this specific link of this specific node regardless what the IGP shortest path to destination
- E.g.: send this packet to this specific service instance
- Segments can represent any type of instruction
 - IGP-based, BGP-based, local adjacency, service/app, location, context, ...

Changes in -05

- Segment List is reversed: first segment of the path is last segment of the list.
- Compliant with rfc2460 on "segmentsLeft ==0"
- First Segment points to end of the segment list/array (i.e.: first segment of the path)

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Hdr Ext Len | Routing Type | Segments Left
First Segment
Segment List[0] (128 bits ipv6 address)
Segment List[n] (128 bits ipv6 address)
Policy List[0] (128 bits ipv6 address, optional)
Policy List[1] (128 bits ipv6 address, optional)
Policy List[2] (128 bits ipv6 address, optional)
Policy List[3] (128 bits ipv6 address, optional)
HMAC (256 bits, optional)
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SR-IPv6 Example



- At ingress, the Segment Routing Header (SRH) contains
 - Segment List: C,F,H,Y (original destination address is encoded as last segment of the path)
 - Segments Left: points to the current segment of the path (C)
 - DA is set as the address of the first segment: C
- Packet is sent towards its DA (representing the segment)
 - Packet can travel across non SR nodes who will just ignore the SRH
 - RFC2460 mandates only the node in the DA must examine the SRH
- When packet reaches the segment endpoint the following process is executed:
 - Segments-Left is inspected, decremented and DA is updated
 - Packet is sent towards its DA

Implementations

- Multiple implementations exist and interoperability has been demonstrated during IETF90, IETF91, IETF92 and other places/occasions
 - Based on draft-previdi-6man-segment-routing-header-05.txt
 - Cisco,
 Comcast,
 Ecole Polytechnique (Paris),
 UCLouvain (LLN, Belgium)
- Demonstrated interoperability between multiple, independent IPv6
 Segment Routing implementations (routers and hosts)
- Illustrate interoperability between SR and non-SR capable routers and hosts
- Illustrate how SR can be leveraged for video content delivery through SR capable caches

Adoption?

- Due to:
 - stage of SR-IPv6 protocol extension
 - interoperable implementations
 - use cases being addressed
 - interest from network operators
- The authors, would like the WG to consider the adoption as WG item:
 - draft-previdi-6man-segment-routing-header
 - draft-vyncke-6man-segment-routing-security

Questions?

Thanks!