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Abstract

This memo specifies multicast component for MAP and Light Weight 4over6 so that IPv4 hosts can receive multicast data from IPv4 servers over an IPv6 network. The solution developed is based on translation. In the Translation Multicast solution for MAP (MAP-E and MAP-T) and lw4o6, IGMP messages are translated into MLD messages and sent to the network in IPv6. MAP Border Relay/lwAFTR does the reverse translation and joins IPv4 multicast group for the hosts. Border Relay/lwAFTR as multicast router receives IPv4 multicast data and translates the packet into IPv6 multicast data and sends downstream on the multicast tree. Member CEs/lwB4s receive multicast data, translate it back to IPv4 and transmit to the hosts.

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1. Introduction

With IPv4 address depletion on the horizon, many techniques are being standardized for IPv6 migration including Mapping of Address and Port (MAP) - Encapsulation, - Translation and 4rd [I-D.ietf-softwire-map], [I-D.ietf-softwire-map-t], [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd]. MAP/4rd enables IPv4 hosts to communicate with external hosts using IPv6 only ISP network. MAP/4rd Customer Edge (CE) device's LAN side is dual stack and WAN side is IPv6 only. CE tunnels/translates IPv4 packets received from the LAN side to 4rd Border Relays (BR). BRs have anycast IPv6 addresses and receive encapsulated/translated packets from CEs over a virtual interface. MAP/4rd operation is stateless. Packets are received/ sent independent of each other and no state needs to be maintained except for NAT44 operation on IPv4 packets received from the user.

Light Weight 4 Over 6 (lw4o6) is a variant of Dual Stack Lite where carrier grade NAT is moved from AFTR to B4 element, i.e. NAPT is done locally at each B4 called light weight B4 or lwB4. Unicast lw4o6 takes user IPv4 packets from the local LAN and lwB4 does a NAPT and then tunnels the packets in an IPv4-in-IPv6 tunnel to lwAFTR which decapsulates the packet and then sends it to IPv4 network. Incoming packets follow reverse route and are encapsulated at lwAFTR and sent to lwB4 which decapsulates and after NAPT operation transmits to the destination.

It should be noted that there is no depletion problem for IPv4 address space allocated for any source multicast and source specific multicast [RFC3171]. This document is not motivated by the depletion of IPv4 multicast addresses.

MAP-E, MAP-T, 4rd and lw4o6 are unicast only. They do not support multicast. In this document we specify how multicast from home IPv4 users can be supported in MAP-E (as well as MAP-T and 4rd) and lw4o6.

In case IPv6 network is multicast enabled, MAP-T/4rd can provide multicast service to the hosts using MAP-T/4rd Multicast Translation based solution. A Multicast Translator can be used that receives IPv4 multicast group management messages in IGMP and generates corresponding IPv6 group management messages in MLD and sends them to IPv6 network towards MAP-T/4rd Border Relay. We use [I-D.ietf-softwire-map-t] or [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] for sending IPv4 multicast data in IPv6 to the CE routers. At MAP-T/4rd CE router another translator is needed to translate IPv6 multicast data into IPv4 multicast data.

It should be noted that if IPv6 network is multicast enabled the translation multicast solution presented in Section 4 can also be used for MAP-E.

In this document we address MAP-E (and MAP-T/4rd) and lw4o6 multicast problem and propose the architecture of Multicast Translation based solution. Section 2 is on terminology, Section 3 is on architecture, Section 4 is on multicast translation protocol, and Section 5 states security considerations.

2. Terminology

This document uses the terminology defined in [I-D.ietf-softwire-map], [I-D.ietf-softwire-lw4over6], [I-D.ietf-softwire-map-t], [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd], [RFC3810] and [RFC3376].

3. Architecture

In MAP-E, MAP-T and 4rd, there are hosts (possibly IPv4/ IPv6 dual stack) served by MAP-E, MAP-T and 4rd Customer Edge device. CE is dual stack facing the hosts and IPv6 only facing the network or WAN side. MAP-E, MAP-T and 4rd CE may be local IPv4 Network Address and Port Translation (NAPT) box [RFC3022] by assigning private IPv4 addresses to the hosts. MAP-E, MAP-T and 4rd CEs in the same domain may use shared public IPv4 addresses on their WAN side and if they do they should avoid ports outside of the allocated port set for NAPT operation. At the boundary of the network there is MAP-E, MAP-T and 4rd Border Relay. BR receives IPv4 packets tunneled in IPv6 from CE and decapsulates them and sends them out to IPv4 network.

Unicast MAP-E, MAP-T and 4rd are stateless except for the local NAPT at the CE. Each IPv4 packet sent by CE treated separately and different packets from the same CE may go to different BRs or CEs. CE encapsulates IPv4 packet in IPv6 with destination address set to BR address (usually anycast IPv6 address). BR receives the encapsulated packet and decapsulates and send it to IPv4 network. CEs are configured with Rule IPv4 Prefixes, Rule IPv6 Prefixes and with an BR IPv6 anycast address. BR receives IPv4 packets addressed to this ISP and from the destination address it extracts the destination host's IPv4 address and uses this address as destination address and encapsulates the IPv4 packet in IPv6 and sends it to IPv6-only network.

Unicast Lightweight 4over6 (lw4o6) is a variation of Dual-Stack Lite (DS-Lite) [RFC6333] which moves carrier-grade IPv4-IPv4 NAT from the Address Family Transition Router (AFTR) element to the Basic Bridging BroadBand (B4) element [I-D.ietf-softwire-lw4over6]. The resulting elements are called lwAFTR and lwB4 with NAPT, respectively. Lw4o6 also adopts some features from MAP-E. A+P scheme of public IPv4 address sharing is used by lwB4's in assigning WAN side IPv4 public addresses with a distinct port set. As in MAP-E, encapsulation of IPv4 packets in IPv6 and decapsulation is according to [RFC2473].

3.1. MAP-T and 4rd Translation Architecture

In case IPv6 only network is multicast enabled, translation multicast architecture can be used. CE implements IGMP Proxy function [RFC4605] towards the LAN side and MLD Proxy on its WAN interface. IPv4 hosts send their join requests (IGMP Membership Report messages) to CE. CE as a MLD proxy sends aggregated MLD Report messages upstream towards BR. CE replies MLD membership query messages with MLD membership report messages based on IGMP membership state in the IGMP/MLD proxy.

BR is MLD querier on its WAN side. On its interface to IPv4 network BR may either have IGMP client or PIM. PIM being able to support both IPv4 and IPv6 multicast should be preferred. BR receives MLD join requests, extracts IPv4 multicast group address and then joins the group upstream, possibly by issuing a PIM join message.

IPv4 multicast data received by the BR as a leaf node in IPv4 multicast distribution tree is translated into IPv6 multicast data by the translator using [I-D.ietf-softwire-map-t], [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] and then sent downstream to the IPv6 part of the multicast tree to all downstream routers that are members. IPv6 data packet eventually gets to the CE. At the CE, a reverse [I-D.ietf-softwire-map-t], [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] operation takes place by the translator and then IPv4 multicast data packet is sent to the member hosts on the LAN interface. [I-D.ietf-softwire-map-t], [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] are modified to handle multicast addresses.

In order to support SSM, IGMPv3 MUST be supported by the host, CE and BR. For ASM, BR MUST be the Rendezvous Point (RP).

MAP-T and 4rd Translation Multicast solution uses the multicast 46 translator in not one but two places in the architecture: at the CE router and at the Border Relay. IPv4 multicast data received at 4rd BR goes through a [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] header-mapping into IPv6 multicast data at the BR and another [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] header-mapping back to IPv4 multicast data at the CE router. Encapsulation variant of [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] is not used. In case of MAP-T, IPv4 data packet is translated using v4 to v6 header translation using multicast addresses instead of the mapping algorithm used in [I-D.ietf-softwire-map-t].

All the elements of MAP-T and 4rd translation-based multicast support system are shown in Figure 1.

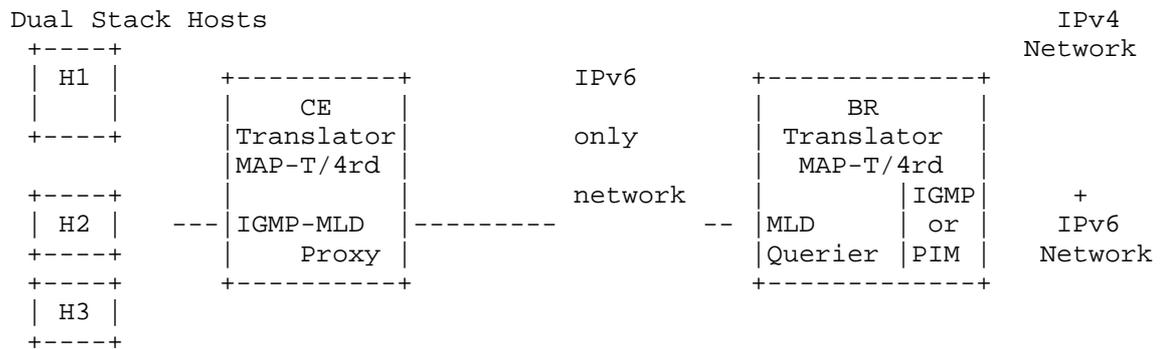


Figure 1: Architecture of MAP-T and 4rd Translation Multicast

In case IPv6 only network is multicast enabled, translation multicast architecture can also be used for lw4o6 multicast. lwB4 implements IGMP Proxy function [RFC4605] towards the LAN side and MLD Proxy on its WAN interface. IPv4 hosts send their join requests (IGMP Membership Report messages) to lwB4. lwB4 as a MLD proxy sends aggregated MLD Report messages upstream towards lwAFTR. lwB4 replies MLD membership query messages with MLD membership report messages based on IGMP membership state in the IGMP/MLD proxy.

lwAFTR is MLD querier on its WAN side. On its interface to IPv4 network lwAFTR may either have IGMP client or PIM. PIM being able to support both IPv4 and IPv6 multicast should be preferred. lwAFTR receives MLD join requests, extracts IPv4 multicast group address and then joins the group upstream, possibly by issuing a PIM join message.

For multicast data, [I-D.ietf-softwire-dslite-multicast] uses encapsulation of IPv4 multicast data in IPv6 multicast data packet but in this document we use translation. IPv4 multicast data received by the lwAFTR as a leaf node in IPv4 multicast distribution tree is translated into IPv6 multicast data by the translator and then sent downstream to the IPv6 part of the multicast tree to all downstream routers that are members. IPv6 data packet eventually gets to the lwB4. At the lwB4, a reverse translation operation takes place by the translator and then IPv4 multicast data packet is sent to the member hosts on the LAN interface. The translation algorithm in [I-D.ietf-softwire-map-t], [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] are modified to handle multicast addresses.

In order to support SSM, IGMPv3 MUST be supported by the host, lwB4 and lwAFTR. For ASM, lwAFTR MUST be the Rendezvous Point (RP).

order 32 bits of the multicast IPv6 address. "sub-group-id" field MUST follow the recommendations specified in [RFC3306] if unicast-based prefix is used or the recommendations specified in [RFC3956] if embedded-RP is used. The default value is all zeros.

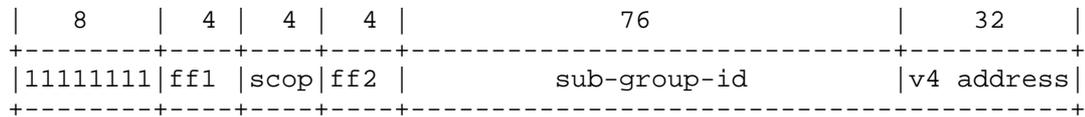


Figure 3: ASM_MPREFIX64 Formation

Each translator in the upstream BR is assigned a unique ASM_MPREFIX64 prefix. CE (MLD Proxy in CE) can learn this value by means out of scope with this document. With this, CE can easily create an IPv6 multicast address from the IPv4 group address a.b.c.d that the host wants to join.

Source-Specific Multicast (SSM) can also be supported similar to the Any Source Multicast (ASM) described above. In case of SSM, IPv4 multicast addresses use 232.0.0.0/8 prefix. IPv6 SSM_MPREFIX64 is set to FF3x:0:8000::/96 where 'x' is any valid scope.

Since SSM translation requires a unique address for each IPv4 multicast source, an IPv6 unicast prefix must be configured to the translator in the upstream BR to represent IPv4 sources. This prefix is prepended to IPv4 source addresses in translated packets.

The join message from the host for the group ASM_MPREFIX64:a.b.c.d or SSM_MPREFIX64:a.b.c.d or an aggregate join message will be received by MLD querier at the BR. BR as multicast anchor checks the group address and recognizes ASM_MPREFIX64 or SSM_MPREFIX64 prefix. It next checks the last 32 bits is an IPv4 multicast address in range 224/8 - 239/8. If all checks succeed, IGMPv4 Client joins a.b.c.d using IGMP on its IPv4 interface.

Joining IPv4 groups can also be done using PIM since PIM supports both IPv4 and IPv6. The advantage of using PIM is that there is no need to enable IGMP support in neighboring IPv4 routers. The advantage of using IGMP is that IGMP is a simpler protocol and it is supported by a wider range of routers. The use of PIM or IGMP is left as an implementation choice.

Address translation described above for MAP-T applies to lw4over6 multicast translation where the entities involved are lwB4 replaces Customer Edge device and lwAFTR replaces BR Figure 2.

4.2. Protocol Translation

The hosts will send their subscription requests for IPv4 multicast groups upstream to the default router, i.e. Customer Edge device. After subscribing the group, the host can receive multicast data from the CE. The host implements IGMP protocol's host part.

Customer Edge device is IGMP Proxy facing the LAN interface. After receiving the first IGMP Report message requesting subscription to an IPv4 multicast group, a.b.c.d, MLD Proxy in the CE's WAN interface synthesizes an IPv6 multicast group address corresponding to a.b.c.d and sends an MLD Report message upstream to join the group.

When MAP-T or 4rd BR receives IPv4 multicast data for an IPv4 group a.b.c.d it [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] translates/encapsulates IPv4 packet into IPv6 multicast packet and sends it to IPv6 synthesized address corresponding to a.b.c.d using ASM_MPREFIX64 or SSM_MPREFIX64. The header mapping described in [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] Section 4.2 (using Table 1) is used except for mapping the source and destination addresses. In this document we use the multicast address translation described in Section 4.1 and propose it as a complementary enhancement to the translation algorithm in [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd].

The IP/ICMP translation translates IPv4 packets into IPv6 using minimum MTU size of 1280 bytes (Section 4.3 in [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd]) but this can be changed for multicast. Path MTU discovery for multicast is possible in IPv6 so 4rd BR can perform path MTU discovery for each ASM group and use these values instead of 1280. For SSM, a different MTU value MUST be kept for each SSM channel. Because of this 8 bytes added by IPv6 fragment header in each data packet can be tolerated.

Since multicast address translation does not preserve checksum neutrality, [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] translator/encapsulator at 4rd BR must however modify the UDP checksum to replace the IPv4 addresses with the IPv6 source and destination addresses in the pseudo-header which consists of source address, destination address, protocol and UDP length fields before calculating the new checksum.

IPv6 multicast data must be translated back to IPv4 at the 4rd CE (e.g. using Table 2 in Section 4.3 of [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd]). Such a task is much simpler than the translation at 4rd BR because IPv6 header is much simpler than IPv4 header and IPv4 link on the LAN side of 4rd CE is a local link. The packet is sent on the local link to IPv4 group address a.b.c.d for IPv6 group address of ASM_MPREFIX64:a.b.c.d or SSM_MPREFIX64:a.b.c.d.

In case an IPv4 multicast source sends multicast data with the don't fragment (DF) flag set to 1, [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] header mapping sets the D bit in IPv6 fragment header before sending the packet downstream as in Fig. 3 in Section 4.3 of [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd]. This feature of [I-D.ietf-softwire-4rd] preserves the semantics of DF flag at the BR and CE.

Because MAP-T/4rd is stateless, Multicast MAP-T/4rd should stay faithful to this as much as possible. Border Relay acts as the default multicast querier for all CEs that have established multicast communication with it. In order to keep a consistent multicast state between a CE and BR, CE MUST use the same IPv6 multicast prefixes (ASM_MPREFIX64/SSM_PREFIX64) until the state becomes empty. After that point, the CE may obtain different values for these prefixes, effectively changing to a different 4rd BR.

Protocol translation described above for MAP-T applies to lw4over6 multicast translation where the entities involved are lwB4 replaces Customer Edge device and lwAFTR replaces BR Figure 2.

4.3. Learning Multicast Prefixes for IPv4-embedded IPv6 Multicast Addresses

CE can be pre-configured with Multicast Prefix64 of ASM_MPREFIX64 and SSM_MPREFIX64 that are supported in their network. However automating this process is also desired.

A new router advertisement option, a Multicast ASM Translation Prefix option, can be defined for this purpose. The option contains IPv6 ASM multicast translation prefix, ASM_MPREFIX64. A new router advertisement option, a Multicast SSM Translation Prefix option, can be defined for this purpose. The option contains IPv6 SSM multicast prefix translation prefix SSM_MPREFIX64.

After the host gets the multicast prefixes, when an application in the host wishes to join an IPv4 multicast group the host MUST use ASM_MPREFIX64 or SSM_MPREFIX64 and then obtain the synthesized IPv6 group address before sending MLD join message.

Source-specific multicast (SSM) group membership message payloads in IGMPv3 and MLDv2 contain address literals and their translation requires another multicast translation prefix option. IPv4 source addresses in IGMPv3 Membership Report message are unicast addresses of IPv4 sources and they have to be translated into unicast IPv6 source addresses in MLDv2 Membership Report message. A new router advertisement option, a Multicast Translation Unicast Prefix option can be defined for this purpose. The option contains IPv6 unicast Network-Specific Prefix U_PREFIX64. The host can be configured by

its default router using router advertisements containing the prefixes [I-D.sarikaya-software-6man-raoptions]. 64:ff9b::/96 is the global value called well-known prefix that is assigned to U_PREFIX64 [RFC6052]. Organization specific values called Network-Specific Prefixes can also be used. Since multicast is potentially inter-domain, the use of well-known prefix for U_PREFIX64 is recommended. DHCP servers can also configure hosts with ASM_MPREFIX64, SSM_MPREFIX64 and U_PREFIX64 as in [I-D.ietf-software-multicast-prefix-option].

Note that U_PREFIX64 is also used in multicast data packet address translation. Source-specific multicast source address in multicast data packets coming from SSM sources MUST be translated using U_PREFIX64.

4.4. Supporting IPv4 Multicast at CE Router and lwB4

When MAP-E CE router is a NAT or NAPT box assigning private IPv4 addresses to the hosts, IP Multicast requirements for a Network Address Translator (NAT) and a Network Address Port Translator (NAPT) stated in [RFC5135] apply to IGMP messages and IPv4 multicast data packets. The same applies to lwB4s in lw4over6.

On receiving multicast data packets, lwB4 or CE router MUST NOT modify destination IP address or destination port of the packets. Multicast UDP datagrams MUST be forwarded to the local LAN towards the host that is a member of this group.

IGMP membership reports received at lwB4 or CE router may be sent upstream individually for any source multicast but for source specific multicast, e.g. IGMPv3, membership reports MUST be sent after IGMP aggregation.

5. Security Considerations

Multicast control and data message security can be provided by the security architecture, mechanisms, and services described in [RFC4301], [RFC4302] and [RFC4303]. and in [RFC4607] for source specific multicast.

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TBD.

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Appendix A. Group Membership Message Translation Details

IGMP Report messages (IGMP type number 0x12 and 0x16, in IGMPv1 and IGMPv2 and 0x22 in IGMPv3) are translated into MLD Report messages (MLDv1 ICMPv6 type number 0x83 and MLDv2 type number 0x8f). IGMP Query message (IGMP type number 0x11) is translated into MLD Query message (ICMPv6 type number 0x82)

[I-D.perreault-mboned-igmp-ml-d-translation].

Destination address in ASM, i.e. IGMPv1, IGMPv2 and MLDv1, is the multicast group address so the destination address in IGMP message is translated into the destination address in MLD message using [I-D.ietf-mboned-64-multicast-address-format].

Destination address in SSM, i.e. IGMPv3 and MLDv2 is translated as follows: it could be all nodes on link, which has the value of 224.0.0.1 (IGMPv3) and ff02::1 (MLDv2), all routers on link, which has the value of 224.0.0.2 (IGMPv3) and ff02::2 (MLDv2), all IGMP/MLD-capable routers on link, which has the value of 224.0.0.22 (IGMPv3) and ff02::16 (MLDv2).

Source address of MLD message that CE sends is set to link-local IPv6 address of CE's WAN side interface. Source address of MLD message that BR sends is set to link-local IPv6 address of BR's downstream interface.

Multicast Address or Group Address field in IGMP message payloads is translated using [I-D.ietf-mboned-64-multicast-address-format] as described above into the corresponding field in MLD message.

Source Address in IGMPv3 message payloads is translated using U_PREFIX64, the IPv6 unicast prefix to be used by SSM source. [RFC6052] defines in Section 2.3 the address translation algorithm of embedding an IPv4 source address and obtaining an IPv6 source address using a network specific prefix like U_PREFIX64. At the BR on its upstream interface or at the CE on its LAN interface, IPv4 addresses are extracted from the IPv4-embedded IPv6 addresses.

Maximum Response Time (MRT) field in IGMPv2 and IGMPv3 queries are translated into Maximum Response Delay (MRD) in MLDv1 and MLDv2 queries, respectively. In the corresponding MLD message, MRD is set to 100 times the value of MRT. At the BR on its upstream interface or at the CE on its LAN interface, MRT value is obtained by dividing MRD into 100 and rounding it to the nearest integer.

IGMP messages are sent with a Router Alert IPv4 option [RFC2113]. The translated MLD message are sent with a Router Alert option in a Hop-By-Hop IPv6 extension header [RFC2711]. In both cases, 2-octet value is set to 0.

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