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This document presents extensions to the Path Computation Element Communication Protocol (PCEP) for a child PCE to abstract its domain information to its parent for supporting a hierarchical PCE system.

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1. Introduction

A hierarchical PCE architecture is described in RFC 6805, in which a parent PCE maintains an abstract domain topology, which contains its child domains (seen as vertices in the topology) and the connections among them.

For a domain for which a child PCE is responsible, connections attached to the domain may comprise inter-domain links and Area Border Routers (ABRs). For a parent PCE to have the abstract domain topology, each of its child PCEs needs to advertise its connections to the parent PCE.

In addition to the connections attached to the domain, there may be some access points in the domain, which are the addresses in the domain to be accessible outside of the domain. For example, an address of a server in the domain that provides a number of services to users outside of the domain is an access point.

This document presents extensions to the Path Computation Element Communication Protocol (PCEP) for a child PCE to advertise the information about its connections and access points to its parent PCE and for the parent PCE to build and maintain the abstract domain topology based on the information. The extensions may reduce configurations, thus simplify operations on a PCE system.

A child PCE is simply called a child and a parent PCE is called a parent in the following sections.

2. Terminology

ABR: Area Border Router. Router used to connect two IGP areas (Areas in OSPF or levels in IS-IS).

ASBR: Autonomous System (AS) Border Router. Router used to connect together ASes via inter-AS links.

TED: Traffic Engineering Database.

This document uses terminology defined in [RFC5440].

3. Conventions Used in This Document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

4. Connections and Accesses

A connection is an inter-domain link between two domains in general. An ABR is also a connection, which connects two special domains called areas in a same Autonomous System (AS).

An access point in a domain is an address in the domain to be accessible to the outside of the domain. An access point is simply called an access.

4.1. Information on Inter-domain Link

An inter-domain link connects two domains in two different ASes. Since there is no IGP running over an inter-domain link, we may not obtain the information about the link generated by an IGP. We may suppose that IP addresses are configured on inter-domain links.

For a point-to-point (P2P) link connecting two ABRs A and B in two different domains, from A's point of view, the following information about the link may be obtained:

- 1) Link Type: P2P
- 2) Local IP address
- 3) Remote IP address
- 4) Traffic engineering metric
- 5) Maximum bandwidth
- 6) Maximum reservable bandwidth
- 7) Unreserved bandwidth
- 8) Administrative group
- 9) SRLG

We will have a link ID if it is configured; otherwise no link ID (i.e., the Router ID of the neighbor) may be obtained since no IGP adjacency over the link is formed.

For a broadcast link connecting multiple ASBRs in a number of domains, on each of the ASBRs X, the same information about the link as above may be obtained except for the followings:

- a) Link Type: Multi-access,
- b) Local IP address with mask length, and
- c) No Remote IP address.

In other words, the information about the broadcast link obtained by ASBR X comprises a), b), 4) to 9), but does not include any remote IP address or link ID. We will have a link ID if it is configured; otherwise no link ID (i.e., the interface address of the designated router for the link) may be obtained since no IGP selects it.

A parent constructs an abstract AS domain topology after receiving the information about each of the inter-domain links described above from its children.

RFC 5392 and RFC 5316 describe the distributions of inter-domain links in OSPF and IS-IS respectively. For each inter-domain link,

its neighboring AS number and neighboring ASBR Identity (TE Router ID) need to be configured in IGP (OSPF or IS-IS).

In addition, an IGP adjacency between a network node running IGP and a PCE running IGP as a component needs to be configured and fully established if we want the PCE to obtain the inter-domain link information from IGP.

These configurations and IGP adjacency establishment are not needed if the extensions in this draft are used.

RFC 7752 (BGP-LS) describes the distributions of TE link state information including inter-domain link state. A BGP peer between a network node running BGP and a PCE running BGP as a component needs to be configured and the peer relation must be established before the PCE can obtain the inter-domain link information from BGP. However, some networks may not run BGP.

4.2. Information on ABR

For an AS running IGP and containing multiple areas, an ABR connects two or more areas. For each area connected to the ABR, the PCE as a child responsible for the area sends its parent the information about the ABR, which indicates the identifier (ID) of the ABR.

A parent has the information about each of its children, which includes the domain such as the area for which the child is responsible. The parent knows all the areas to which each ABR connects after receiving the information on the ABR from each of its children.

4.3. Information on Access Point

For an IP address in a domain to be accessible outside of the domain, the PCE as a child responsible for the domain sends its parent the information about the address.

The parent has all the access points (i.e., IP addresses) to be accessible outside of all its children' domains after receiving the information on the access points from each of its children.

5. Extensions to PCEP

This section focuses on procedures for abstracting domain information after briefing messages containing the abstract information.

5.1. Messages for Abstract Information

A child abstracts its domain to its parent through sending its parent a message containing the abstract information on the domain. After the relation between the child and the parent is determined, the parent has some information on the child, which includes the child's ID and domain. The message does not need to contain this information. It comprises the followings:

- o For new or updated Connections and Accesses,
 - * Indication of Update Connections and Accesses
 - * Detail Information about Connections and Accesses
- o For Connections and Accesses down,
 - * Indication of Withdraw Connections and Accesses
 - * ID Information about Connections and Accesses

For a P2P link from ASBR A to B and a broadcast link connecting to A, the detail information on the links includes A's ID, the information on the P2P link and the information on the broadcast link described in Section 4. The ID information on the links includes A's ID, 1) to 3) for the P2P link and a) to b) for the broadcast link described in Section 4. A link ID for a link is included if it is configured.

For an ABR X, the information on X includes X's ID and a flag indicating that X is ABR.

For an Access X (address), the detail information on X includes X and a cost associated with it. The ID information on X is X itself.

There are a few ways to encode the information above into a message. For example, one way is to extend an existing Notification message for including the information. Another way is to use a new message. These are put in Appendix A for your reference.

5.2. Procedures

5.2.1. Child Procedures

5.2.1.1. New or Changed Connections and Accesses

After a child determines its parent, it sends the parent a message containing the information about the connections (i.e., inter-domain

links and ABRs) from its domain to its adjacent domains and the access points in its domain.

For any new or changed inter-domain links, ABRs and access points in the domain for which a child is responsible, the child sends its parent a message containing the information about these links, ABRs and access points with indication of Update Connections and Accesses.

For example, for a new inter-domain P2P link from ASBR A in a child's domain to ASBR B in another domain, the child sends its parent a message containing an indication of Update Connections and Accesses, A's ID, and the detail information on the link described in section 4.1.

For multiple new or changed inter-domain links from ASBR A, the child sends its parent a message having an indication of Update Connections and Accesses, and A's ID followed by the detail information about each of the links.

In another example, for a new or changed inter-domain broadcast link connected to ASBR X, an ABR Y and an access point 10.10.10.1/32 with cost 10 in a child's domain, the child sends its parent a message containing an indication of Update Connections and Accesses, and X's ID followed by the detail information about the link attached to X and the detail information about ABR Y, and the information on access 10.10.10.1/32 with cost 10.

For changes on the attributes (such as bandwidth) of an inter-domain link, a threshold may be used to control the frequency of updates that are sent from a child to its parent. At one extreme, the threshold is set to let a child send its parent a update message for any change on the attributes of an inter-domain link. At another extreme, the threshold is set to make a child not to send its parent any update message for any change on the attributes of an inter-domain link. Typically, the threshold is set to allow a child to send its parent a update message for a significant change on the attributes of an inter-domain link.

5.2.1.2. Connections and Accesses Down

For any inter-domain links, ABRs and access points down in the domain for which a child is responsible, the child sends its parent a message containing the information about these links, ABRs and access points with indication of Withdraw Connections and Accesses.

For example, for the inter-domain P2P link from ASBR A down, the child sends its parent a message containing an indication of Withdraw

Connections and Accesses, and A's ID, which is followed by the ID information about the link.

For multiple inter-domain links from ASBR A down, the child sends its parent a message having an indication of Withdraw Connections and Accesses, and A's ID, which is followed by the ID information about each of the links.

5.2.1.3. Child and Parent in Same Organization

If a child and its parent are in a same organization, the child may send its parent the information inside its domain. For a parent, after all its children in its organization send their parent the information in their domains, connections and access points, it has in its TED the detail information inside each of its children's domains and the connections among these domains. The parent can compute a path crossing these domains directly and efficiently without sending any path computation request to its children.

5.2.1.4. Child as a Parent

There are a few ways in which a child as a parent abstracts its domain information to its parent.

One way is that the child sends its parent all its domain information if the child and the parent are in a same organization. The information includes the detail network topology inside each of the child's domains, the inter-domain links connecting the domains that the child's children are responsible and the inter-domain links connecting these domains to other adjacent domains.

In another way, the child abstracts each of the domains that its children are responsible as a cloud (or say abstract node) and these clouds are connected by the inter-domain links attached to the domains. The child sends its parent all the inter-domain links attached to any of the domains.

In a third way, the child abstracts all its domains including the domains for which its children are responsible as a cloud. This abstraction is described below in details.

If a parent P1 is also a child of another parent P2, P1 as a child sends its parent P2 a message containing the information about the connections and access points. P1 as a parent has the connections among its children's domains. But these connections are hidden from its parent P2. P1 may have connections from its children's domains to other domains. P1 as a child sends its parent P2 these connections.

P1 as a parent has the access points in its children's domains to be accessible outside of the domains. P1 as child may not send all of these to its parent P2. It sends its parent some of these access points according to some local policies.

From P2's point of view, its child P1 is responsible for one domain, which has some connections to its adjacent domains and some access points to be accessible.

5.2.2. Parent Procedures

5.2.2.1. Process Connections and Accesses

A parent stores into its TED the connections and accesses for each of its children according to the messages containing connections and accesses received. For a message containing Update Connections and Accesses, it updates the connections and accesses in the TED accordingly. For a message containing Withdraw Connections and Accesses, it removes the connections and accesses from the TED.

After receiving the messages for connections and accesses from its children, the parent builds and maintains the TED for the topology of its children's domains, in which each of the domains is seen as a cloud or an abstract node. The information inside each of the domains is hidden from the parent. There are connections among the domains and the access points in the domains to be accessible in the topology.

For a new P2P link from node A to B with no link ID configured, when receiving a message containing the link from a child, the parent stores the link from A into its TED, where A is attached to the child's domain as a cloud. It finds the link's remote end B using the remote IP address of the link. After finding B, it associates the link attached to A with B and the link attached to B with A. This creates a bidirectional connection between A and B.

For a new P2P link from node A to B with link ID configured, when receiving a message containing the link, the parent stores the link from A into its TED. It finds the link's remote end B using the link ID (i.e., B's ID).

For a new broadcast link connecting multiple nodes with no link ID configured, when the parent receives a message containing the link attached to node X, it stores the link from X into its TED. It finds the link's remote end P using the link's local IP address with network mask. P is a Pseudo node identified by the local IP address of the designated node selected from the nodes connected to the link. After finding P, it associates the link attached to X with P and the

link connected to P with X. If P is not found, a new Pseudo node P is created. The parent associates the link attached to X with P and the link attached to P with X. This creates a bidirectional connection between X and P.

The first node and second node from which the parent receives a message containing the link is selected as the designed node and backup designed node respectively. After the designed node is down, the backup designed node becomes the designed node and the node other than the designed node with the largest local IP address connecting to the link is selected as the backup designed node.

When the old designed node is down and the backup designed node becomes the new designed node, the parent updates its TED through removing the link between each of nodes X and old P (the Pseudo node corresponding to the old designed node) and adding a link between each of nodes X (still connecting to the broadcast link) and new P (the Pseudo node corresponding to the new designed node).

5.2.2.2. Detail Topology in a Domain

If a parent is in a same organization as its child, it stores into its TED the detail information inside the child's domain when receiving a message containing the information from the child; otherwise, it discards the information and issues a warning indicating that the information is sent to a wrong place.

6. Security Considerations

The mechanism described in this document does not raise any new security issues for the PCEP protocols.

7. IANA Considerations

This section specifies requests for IANA allocation.

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Appendix A. Message Encoding

A.1. Extension to Existing Message

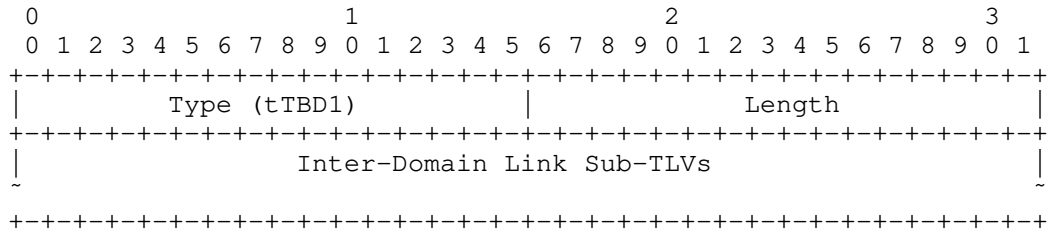
An existing Notification message may be extended to advertise the information about connections and access points. The following new Notification-type (NT) and Notification-value (NV) of a NOTIFICATION object in the message are defined:

- o NT=8 (TBD): Connections and Accesses
 - * NV=1: Update Connections and Accesses. A NT=8 and NV=1 indicates that the child sends its parent updates on the information about Connections and Accesses, and TLVs containing the information are in the object.
 - * NV=2: Withdraw Connections and Accesses. A NT=8 and NV=2 indicates that the child asks its parent to remove Connections and Accesses indicated by TLVs in the object.

A.1.1. TLVs

Four TLVs are defined for connections and accesses. They are Inter-Domain link TLV, Router-ID TLV, Access IPv4/IPv6 Prefix TLV.

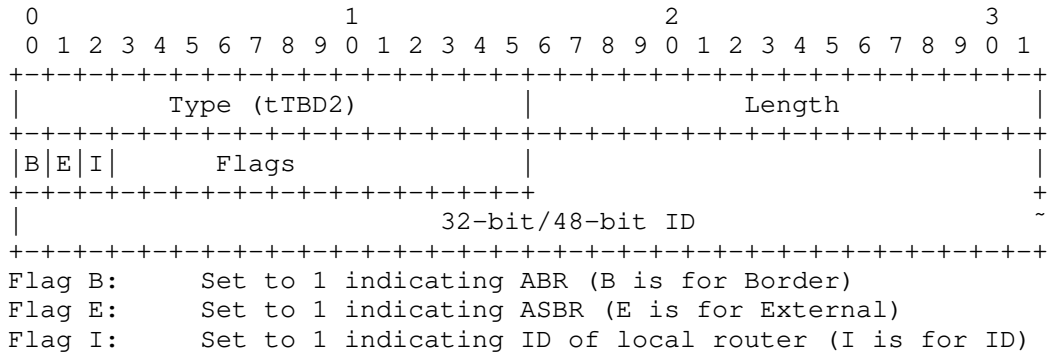
The format of the Inter-Domain link TLV is illustrated below.



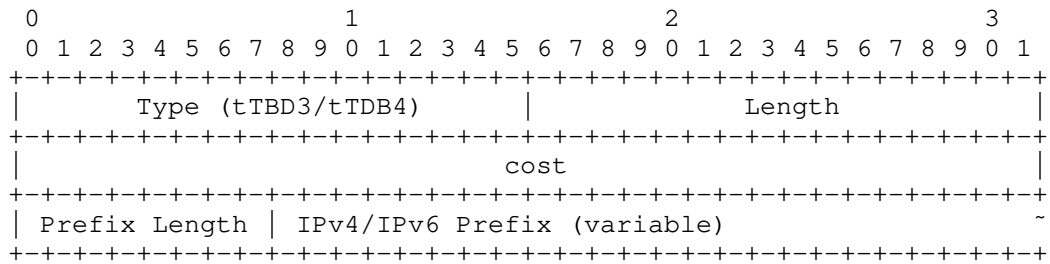
An Inter-Domain link TLV describes a single inter-domain link. It comprises a number of inter-domain link sub-TLVs for the information described in section 4, which are the sub-TLVs defined in RFC 3630 or their equivalents except for the local IP address with mask length defined below.

The format of the Router-ID TLV is shown below. Undefined flags MUST be set to zero. The ID indicates the ID of a router. For a router running OSPF, the ID may be the 32-bit OSPF router ID of the router. For a router running IS-IS, the ID may be the 48-bit IS-IS router ID

of the router. For a router not running OSPF or IS-IS, the ID may be the 32-bit ID of the router configured.

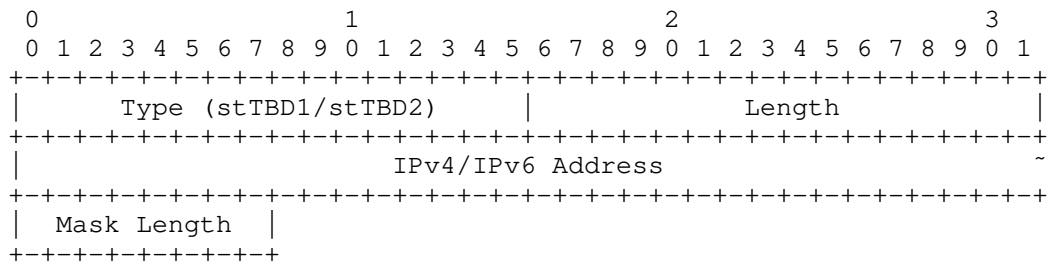


The format of the Access IPv4/IPv6 Prefix TLV is shown as follows. The cost is the metric to the prefix. The Prefix Length indicates the length of the prefix. The IPv4/IPv6 Prefix indicates an access IPv4/IPv6 address prefix.



A.1.1.2. Sub-TLVs

The format of the Sub-TLV for a local IPv4/IPv6 address with mask length is shown as follows.



The IPv4/IPv6 Address indicates the local IPv4/IPv6 address of a link. The Mask Length indicates the length of the IPv4/IPv6 address mask.

A.2. New Message

A new message may be defined to advertise the connections and accesses from a child to its parent. The format of the message containing Connections and Access (AC for short) is as follows:

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<AC Message> ::= <Common Header> <NRP>  
                <Connection-List> [<Access-List>]
```

where:

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<Connection-List> ::= <Connection> [<Connection-List>]  
<Connection> ::= [<Inter-Domain-Link> | <ABR>]  
<Access-List> ::= <Access-Address> [<Access-List>]
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Where the value of the Message-Type in the Common Header indicates the new message type. The exact value is to be assigned by IANA. A new RP (NRP) object will be defined, which follows the Common Header.

A new flag W (Withdraw) in the NRP object is defined to indicate whether the connections and access are withdrawn. When flag W is set to one, the parent removes the connections and accesses contained in the message after receiving it. When flag W is set to zero, the parent adds/updates the connections and accesses in the message after receiving it.

An alternative to flag W in the NRP object is a similar flag in each CONNECTION and ACCESS object such as using one bit in Res flags for flag W. For example, when the flag is set to one in the object, the parent removes the connections and accesses in the object after receiving it. When the flag is set to zero in the object, the parent adds/updates the connections and accesses in the object after receiving it.

In another option, one byte in a CONNECTION and ACCESS Object is defined as flags field and one bit is used as flag W. The other undefined bits in the flags field MUST be set to zero.

The objects in the new message are defined below.

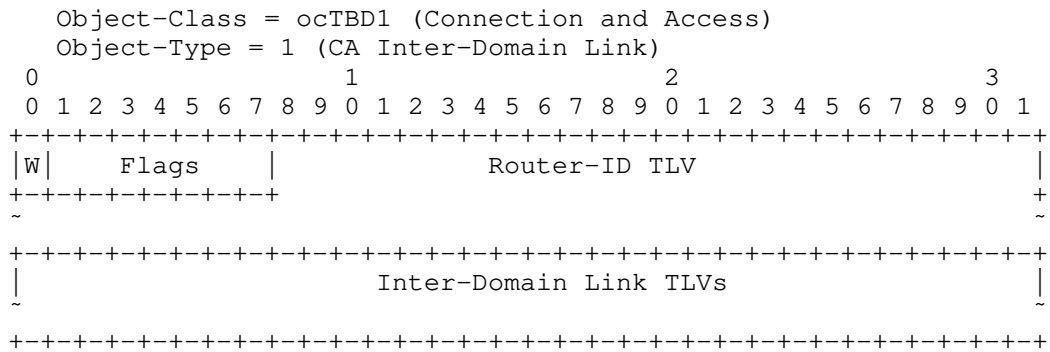
A.2.1. CONNECTION and ACCESS Object

A new object, called CONNECTION and ACCESS Object (CA for short), is defined. It has Object-Class octBD1. Four Object-Types are defined under CA object:

- o CA Inter-Domain Link: CA Object-Type is 1.
- o CA ABR: CA Object-Type is 2.
- o CA Access IPv4 Prefix: CA Object-Type is 3.
- o CA Access IPv6 Prefix: CA Object-Type is 4.

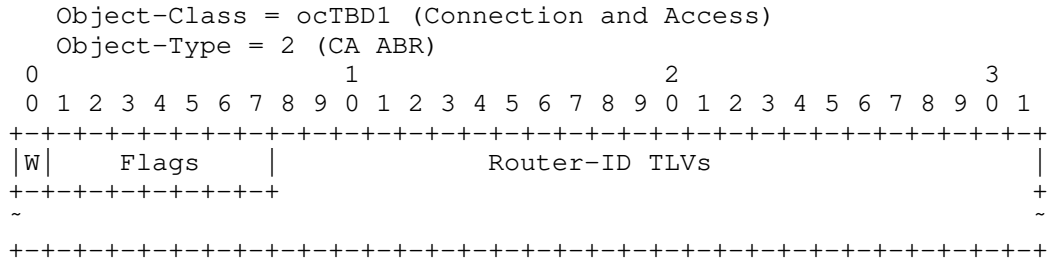
Each of these objects are described below.

The format of Inter-Domain Link object body is as follows:



The Router-ID TLV indicates an ASBR in the domain, which is a local end of inter-domain links. Each of the Inter-Domain Link TLVs describes an inter-domain link and comprises a number of inter-domain link Sub-TLVs. Flag W=1 indicates withdraw the links. W=0 indicates new or changed links.

The format of ABR object body is illustrated below:



Each of the Router-ID TLVs indicates an ABR in the domain. Flag W=1 indicates withdraw the ABRs. W=0 indicates new ABRs.

The format of Access IPv4/IPv6 Prefix object body is as follows:

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Object-Class = octBD1 (Connection and Access)
Object-Type = 3/4 (CA Access IPv4/IPv6 Prefix)
0              1              2              3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|W|   Flags   |           Access IPv4/IPv6 Prefix TLVs           |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
~                                                     ~
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

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Each of the Access IPv4/IPv6 Prefix TLVs describes an access IPv4/IPv6 address prefix in the domain, which is accessible to outside of the domain. Flag W=1 indicates withdraw the address prefixes. W=0 indicates new address prefixes.

The TLVs in the objects are the same as those described above.

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1. Introduction

[RFC5440] describes the Path Computation Element communication Protocol (PCEP) which enables the communication between a Path Computation Client (PCC) and a Path Control Element (PCE), or between two PCEs based on the PCE architecture [RFC4655].

PCEP Extensions for Stateful PCE Model [I-D.ietf-pce-stateful-pce] describes a set of extensions to PCEP to enable active control of MPLS-TE and GMPLS tunnels. [I-D.ietf-pce-pce-initiated-lsp] describes the setup and teardown of PCE-initiated LSPs under the active stateful PCE model, without the need for local configuration on the PCC, thus allowing for a dynamic network. Currently, the LSPs can either be signaled via RSVP-TE or can be segment routed as specified in [I-D.ietf-pce-segment-routing].

[I-D.ietf-pce-association-group] introduces a generic mechanism to create a grouping of LSPs which can then be used to define associations between a set of LSPs and a set of attributes (such as configuration parameters or behaviors) and is equally applicable to the active and passive modes of a stateful PCE or a stateless PCE.

This document specifies a PCEP extension to associate one or more LSPs with policies using the generic association mechanism.

A PCEP speaker may want to influence the PCEP peer with respect to path selection and other policies. This document describes a PCEP extension to associate policies by creating Policy Association Group (PAG) and encoding this association in PCEP messages. The specification is applicable to both stateful and stateless PCEP sessions.

1.1. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

2. Terminology

The following terminology is used in this document.

LSR: Label Switch Router.

MPLS: Multiprotocol Label Switching.

PAG: Policy Association Group.

PCC: Path Computation Client. Any client application requesting a path computation to be performed by a Path Computation Element.

PCE: Path Computation Element. An entity (component, application, or network node) that is capable of computing a network path or route based on a network graph and applying computational constraints.

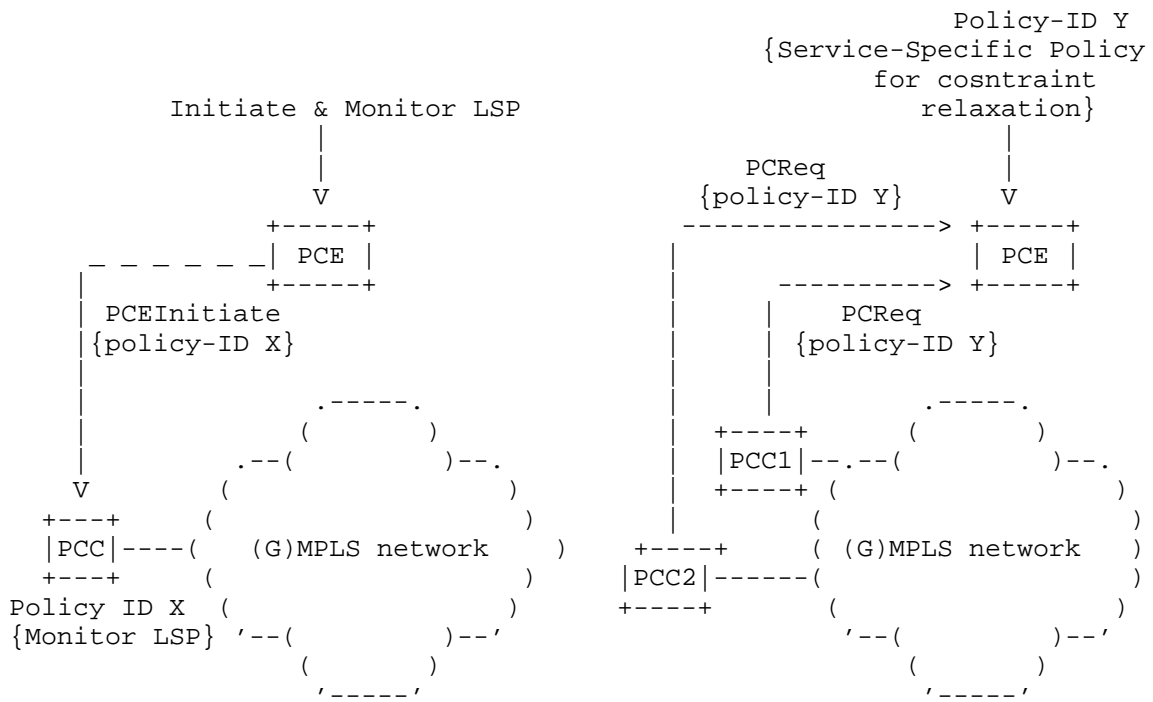
PCEP: Path Computation Element Communication Protocol.

3. Motivation

Paths computed using PCE MAY be subjected to various policies on both PCE and PCC. For example, in a centralized traffic engineering scenario, network operators may instantiate LSPs and specifies policies for traffic steering, path monitoring, etc., for some LSPs

via the stateful PCE. Similarly, a PCC may request a user- or service-specific policy to be applied at the PCE, such as constraints relaxation to meet optimal QoS and resiliency.

PCEP speaker can use the generic mechanism as per [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group] to associate a set of LSPs with policy, without the need to know the details of such policies, which simplifies network operations, avoids frequent software upgrades, as well provides an ability to introduce new policy faster.



Case 1: Policy initiated by PCE and enforced by PCC

Case 2: Policy initiated by PCC and enforced by PCE

Sample use-cases for carrying policies over PCEP session

3.1. Policy based Constraints

In the context of policy-enabled path computation [RFC5394], path computation policies may be applied at both a PCC and a PCE. Consider an Label Switch Router (LSR) with a policy enabled PCC, it receives a service request via signaling, including over a Network-Network Interface (NNI) or User Network Interface (UNI) reference point, or receives a configuration request over a management interface to establish a service. The PCC may also apply user- or service-specific policies to decide how the path selection process should be constrained, that is, which constraints, diversities, optimization criterion, and constraint relaxation strategies should be applied in order for the service LSP(s) to have a likelihood to be successfully established and provide necessary QoS and resilience against network failures. The user- or service-specific policies applied to PCC and are then passed to the PCE along with the Path computation request, in the form of constraints [RFC5394].

PCEP speaker can use the generic mechanism as per [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group] to associate a set of LSPs with policy and its resulting path computation constraints. This simplified the path computation message exchanges.

4. Overview

As per [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group], LSPs are associated with other LSPs with which they interact by adding them to a common association group. Grouping can also be used to define association between LSPs and policies associated to them. One new Association Type is defined in this document, based on the generic Association object -

- o Association type = TBD1 ("Policy Association Type") for Policy Association Group (PAG)

A PAG can have one or more LSPs and its associated policy(s). The Association ID defined in [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group] is used to identify the PAG.

5. Policy Association Group

Association groups and their memberships are defined using the ASSOCIATION object defined in [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group]. Two object types for IPv4 and IPv6 are defined. The ASSOCIATION object includes "Association type" indicating the type of the association group. This document add a new Association type -

Association type = TBD1 ("Policy Association Type") for PAG.

PAG may carry optional TLVs including but not limited to -

- o VENDOR-INFORMATION-TLV: Used to communicate arbitrary vendor specific behavioral information, described in [RFC7470].

6. Security Considerations

This document defines one new type for association, which do not add any new security concerns beyond those discussed in [RFC5440], [I-D.ietf-pce-stateful-pce] and [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group] in itself.

Some deployments may find policy associations and their implications as extra sensitive and thus should employ suitable PCEP security mechanisms like TCP-AO or [I-D.ietf-pce-pceps].

7. IANA Considerations

7.1. Association object Type Indicators

This document defines the following new association type originally defined in [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group].

Value	Name	Reference
TBD1	Policy Association Type	[This I.D.]

8. Manageability Considerations

8.1. Control of Function and Policy

An operator MUST BE allowed to configure the policy associations at PCEP peers and associate it with the LSPs.

8.2. Information and Data Models

[RFC7420] describes the PCEP MIB, there are no new MIB Objects for this document.

8.3. Liveness Detection and Monitoring

Mechanisms defined in this document do not imply any new liveness detection and monitoring requirements in addition to those already listed in [RFC5440].

8.4. Verify Correct Operations

Mechanisms defined in this document do not imply any new operation verification requirements in addition to those already listed in [RFC5440].

8.5. Requirements On Other Protocols

Mechanisms defined in this document do not imply any new requirements on other protocols.

8.6. Impact On Network Operations

Mechanisms defined in this document do not have any impact on network operations in addition to those already listed in [RFC5440].

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Abstract

In order to compute and provide optimal paths, Path Computation Elements (PCEs) require an accurate and timely Traffic Engineering Database (TED). Traditionally this Link State and TE information has been obtained from a link state routing protocol (supporting traffic engineering extensions).

This document extends the Path Communication Element Communication Protocol (PCEP) with Link-State and TE information for optical networks.

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1. Introduction

In Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) and Generalized MPLS (GMPLS), a Traffic Engineering Database (TED) is used in computing paths for connection oriented packet services and for circuits. The TED contains all relevant information that a Path Computation Element (PCE) needs to perform its computations. It is important that the TED should be complete and accurate anytime so that the PCE can perform path computations.

In MPLS and GMPLS networks, Interior Gateway routing Protocols (IGPs) have been used to create and maintain a copy of the TED at each node. One of the benefits of the PCE architecture [RFC4655] is the use of computationally more sophisticated path computation algorithms and the realization that these may need enhanced processing power not necessarily available at each node participating in an IGP.

Section 4.3 of [RFC4655] describes the potential load of the TED on a network node and proposes an architecture where the TED is maintained by the PCE rather than the network nodes. However it does not describe how a PCE would obtain the information needed to populate its TED. PCE may construct its TED by participating in the IGP ([RFC3630] and [RFC5305] for MPLS-TE; [RFC4203] and [RFC5307] for GMPLS). An alternative is offered by [RFC7752].

[RFC7399] touches upon this issue: "It has also been proposed that the PCE Communication Protocol (PCEP) [RFC5440] could be extended to serve as an information collection protocol to supply information from network devices to a PCE. The logic is that the network devices may already speak PCEP and so the protocol could easily be used to report details about the resources and state in the network, including the LSP state discussed in Sections 14 and 15."

[RFC8231] describes a set of extensions to PCEP to provide stateful control. A stateful PCE has access to not only the information carried by the network's Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP), but also the set of active paths and their reserved resources for its computations. PCC can delegate the rights to modify the LSP parameters to an Active Stateful PCE. This requires PCE to quickly be updated on any changes in the Topology and TEDB, so that PCE can meet the need for updating LSPs effectively and in a timely manner. The fastest way for a PCE to be updated on TED changes is via a direct interface with each network node and with incremental update

from each network node. [S-PCE-GMPLS] specified the extensions to apply stateful PCE to GMPLS-based networks.

[RFC8281] describes the setup, maintenance and teardown of PCE-initiated LSPs under the stateful PCE model, without the need for local configuration on the PCC, thus allowing for a dynamic network that is centrally controlled and deployed. This model requires timely topology and TED update at the PCE.

[PCEP-LS-Arch] proposes alternative architecture approaches for learning and maintaining the Link State (and TE) information directly on a PCE from network nodes as an alternative to IGP and BGP transport and investigate the impact from the PCE, routing protocol, and network node perspectives.

[RFC6805] describes a Hierarchical PCE (H-PCE) architecture which can be used for computing end-to-end paths for inter-domain MPLS Traffic Engineering (TE) and GMPLS Label Switched Paths (LSPs). Within the Hierarchical PCE (H-PCE) architecture [RFC6805], the Parent PCE (P-PCE) is used to compute a multi-domain path based on the domain connectivity information. A Child PCE (C-PCE) may be responsible for a single domain or multiple domains, it is used to compute the intra-domain path based on its domain topology information.

[Stateful H-PCE] presents general considerations for stateful PCE(s) in hierarchical PCE architecture. In particular, the behavior changes and additions to the existing stateful PCE mechanisms (including PCE-initiated LSP setup and active PCE usage) in the context of networks using the H-PCE architecture.

[PCEP-LS] describes a mechanism by which Link State and TE information can be collected from packet networks and shared with PCE with the PCEP itself. This is achieved using a new PCEP message format.

This draft describes an optical extension of [PCEP-LS] and explains how encodings suggested by [PCEP-LS] can be used in the optical network contexts.

1.1. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

2. Applicability

There are three main applicability of this alternative proposed by this draft:

- Case 1: Where there is IGP running in optical network but there is a need for a faster link-state and TE resource collection at the PCE directly from an optical node (PCC) via a PCC-PCE interface.
 - o A PCE may receive an incremental update (as opposed to the entire TE information of the node/link).

Note: A PCE may receive full information from IGP using existing mechanism. In some cases, the convergence of full link-state and TE resource information of the entire network may not be appropriate for certain applications. Incremental update capability will enhance the accuracy of the TE information at a given time.

- Case 2: Where there is no IGP running in the optical network and there is a need for link-state and TE resource collections at the PCE directly from an optical node (PCC) via a PCC-PCE interface.
- Case 3: Where there is a need for transporting abstract optical link-state and TE information from child PCE and to a parent PCE in H-PCE [RFC6805] and [Stateful H-PCE] as well as for Physical Network Controller (PNC) to Multi-Domain Service Coordinator (MDSC) in Abstraction and Control of TE Networks (ACTN) [RFC8453].

Note: The applicability for Case 3 may arise as a consequence of Case 1 and Case 2. When TE information changes occur in the optical network, this may also affect abstracted TE information and thus needs to be updated to Parent PCE/MSDC from each child PCE/PNC.

3. Requirements for PCEP extension

The key requirements associated with link-state (and TE) distribution are identified for PCEP and listed in Section 4 of [PCEP-LS]. These new functions required in PCEP to support distribution of link-state (and TE) information are described in Section 5 of [PCEP-LS]. Details of PCEP messages and related Objects/TLVs are specified in Sections 8 and 9 of [PCEP-LS]. The key requirements and new functions specified in [PCEP-LS] are equally applicable to optical networks.

Besides the generic requirements specified in [PCEP-LS], optical specific features also need to be considered in this document. As connection-based network, there are specific parameters such as reachable table, optical latency, wavelength consistency and some other parameters that need to be included during the topology collection. Without these restrictions, the path computation may be inaccurate or infeasible for deployment, therefore these information MUST be included in the PCEP.

The procedure on how the optical parameters are used is described in following sections.

3.1. Reachable source-destination

The reachable source-destination node pair indicates that there are a few number of OCh paths between two nodes. The reachability is restricted by impairment, wavelength consistency and so on. This information is necessary at PCE to promise the path computed between source node and destination node is reachable. In this scenario, the PCE should be responsible to compute how many OCh paths are available to set up connections between source and destination node. Moreover, if a set of optical wavelength is indicated in the path computation request, the PCE should also determine whether a wavelength of the set of preselected optical wavelength is available for the source-destination pair connection.

To enable PCE to complete the above functions, the reachable relationship and OMS link information need to be reported to PCE. Once PCE detect that any wavelength is available, the corresponding OMS link should be included in a lambda plane. Then this link can be used for path computation in future.

Moreover, in a hierarchical PCE architecture, the information above need to be reported from child PCE to parent PCE, who acts as a service coordinator.

3.2. Optical latency

It is a usual case that the PCC indicates the latency when requesting the path computation. In optical networks the latency is a very sensitive parameter and there is stricter requirement on latency. Given the maximal number of OCh paths between source-destination nodes, the PCE also need to determine how many OCh path satisfies the indicated latency threshold.

There is usually high-performance algorithm running on the PCE to guarantee the performance of the computed path. During the computation, the delay factor may be converted into a kind of link weight. After the algorithm provides a few candidate paths between the source and destination nodes, the PCE SHOULD be capable to selecting one shortest path by computing the total path propagation delay.

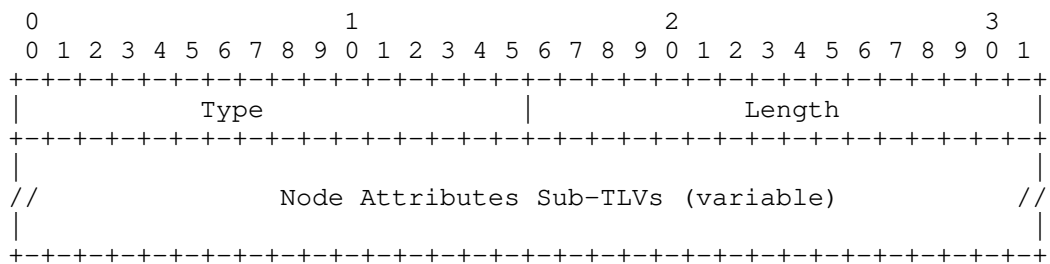
Optical PCEs are embedded with optimization algorithm, e.g., shortest path algorithm, to improve the performance of computed path.

4. PCEP-LS extension for Optical Networks

This section provides additional PCEP-LS extension necessary to support optical networks. All Objects/TLVs defined in [PCEP-LS] are applicable to optical networks.

4.1. Node Attributes TLV

Node-Attributed TLV is defined in Section 9.2.10.1 in [PCEP-LS] as follows. This TLV is applicable for LS Node Object-Type as defined in [PCEP-LS].

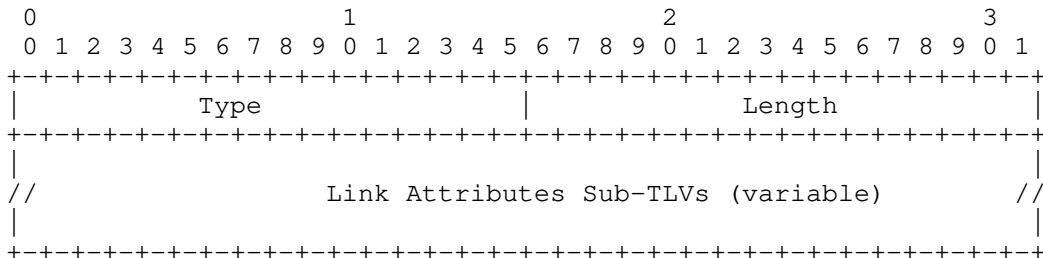


The following 'Node Attribute' sub-TLVs are valid for optical networks:

Sub-TLV	Description	TLV/Sub-TLV	Length	Reference
TBD	Connectivity Matrix	5/14	variable	[RFC7579] [RFC7580]
TBD	Resource Block Information	6/1	variable	[RFC7688]
TBD	Resource Block Accessibility	6/2	variable	[RFC7688]
TBD	Resource Block Wavelength Const	6/3	variable	[RFC7688]
TBD	Resource Block Pool State	6/4	variable	[RFC7688]
TBD	Resource Block Shared Access Wavelength Avail.	6/5	variable	[RFC7688]

4.2. Link Attributes TLV

Link-Attributes TLV is defined in Section 9.2.10.2 in [PCEP-LS] as follows. This TLV is applicable for LS Link Object-Type as defined in [PCEP-LS].



The following 'Link Attribute' sub-TLVs are valid for optical networks:

Sub-TLV	Description	TLV/Sub-TLV	Length	Reference
TBD	ISCD	15	Variable	[RFC4203]
TBD	OTN-TDM SCSI	15/1,2	Variable	[RFC4203] [RFC7138]
TBD	WSON-LSC SCSI	15/1,2	Variable	[RFC4203] [RFC7688]
TBD	Flexi-grid SCSI	15/1	Variable	[RFC8363]
TBD	Port Label Restriction	34	Variable	[RFC7579] [RFC7580] [RFC8363]

4.3. PCEP-LS for Optical Network Extension

This section provides additional PCEP-LS extension necessary to support optical networks parameters discussed in Sections 3.1 and 3.2.

The link state information collection is usually done before the path computation processing. The procedure can be divided into 1) link state collection by receiving the corresponding topology information in a periodical style; 2) path computation on PCE, triggered by receiving the path computation request message from PCC, and completed by transmitting a path computation reply with the path computation result, per [RFC4655].

For OTN networks, max bandwidth available may be per ODU 0/1/2/3 switching level or aggregated across all ODU switching levels (i.e., ODU_j/k).

For WSON networks, RWA information collected from NEs would be utilized to compute light paths. The list of information can be found in [RFC7688]. More specifically, the max bandwidth available may be per lambda/frequency level (OCh) or aggregated across all lambda/frequency level. Per OCh level abstraction gives more detailed data to the P-PCE at the expense of more information processing. Either the OCh-level or the aggregated level abstraction in the RWA constraint (i.e., wavelength continuity) needs to be taken into account by the PCE during path computation. Resource Block Accessibility (i.e., wavelength conversion information) in [RFC7688] needs to be taken into account in order to guarantee the reliability for optical path computation.

[Editor's Note: Encoding will be provided in the revision, including RFC7688 RWA information]

5. Security Considerations

This document extends PCEP for LS (and TE) distribution including a set of TLVs. Procedures and protocol extensions defined in this document do not affect the overall PCEP security model. See [RFC5440], [RFC8253]. The PCE implementation SHOULD provide mechanisms to prevent strains created by network flaps and amount of LS (and TE) information. Thus it is suggested that any mechanism used for securing the transmission of other PCEP message be applied here as well. As a general precaution, it is RECOMMENDED that these PCEP extensions only be activated on authenticated and encrypted sessions belonging to the same administrative authority.

6. IANA Considerations

This document requests IANA actions to allocate code points for the protocol elements defined in this document.

6.1. PCEP-LS Sub-TLV Type Indicators

This document specifies a set of PCEP-LS Sub-TLVs. IANA is requested to create a "PCEP-LS Sub-TLV Types" sub-registry in the "PCEP TLV Type Indicators" for the sub-TLVs carried in the PCEP-LS TLV (Node Attributes TLV and Link Attributes TLV).

Sub-TLV	Description	Ref Sub-TLV	Reference
TBD	Connectivity Matrix	5/14	[RFC7579] [RFC7580]
TBD	Resource Block Information	6/1	[RFC7688]
TBD	Resource Block Accessibility	6/2	[RFC7688]
TBD	Resource Block Wavelength Const	6/3	[RFC7688]
TBD	Resource Block Pool State	6/4	[RFC7688]
TBD	Resource Block Shared Access Wavelength Avail.	6/5	[RFC7688]

TBD	ISCD	15	[RFC4203]
TBD	OTN-TDM SCSI	15/1,2	[RFC4203] [RFC7138]
TBD	WSON-LSC SCSI	15/1,2	[RFC4203] [RFC7688]
TBD	Flexi-grid SCSI	15/1	[RFC8363]
TBD	Port Label Restriction	34	[RFC7579] [RFC7580] [RFC8363]

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Segment Routing leverages source routing. A node steers a packet through a controlled set of instructions, called segments, by prepending the packet with an SR header. A segment can represent any instruction, topological or service-based. SR allows to enforce a flow through any topological path and service chain while maintaining per-flow state only at the ingress node of the SR domain.

IGP protocols have been extended to advertise the segments. Because of IGP's propagation scope limitation, it is not suited for IGP to signal paths that span across AS borders. This document introduces extensions of PCEP-LS to solve the problem without the similar limitation.

Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

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1. Introduction

Segment Routing [I-D.ietf-spring-segment-routing] leverages source routing. A node steers a packet through a controlled set of instructions, called segments, by prepending the packet with an SR header. A segment can represent any instruction, topological or service-based. SR allows to enforce a flow through any topological path and service chain while maintaining per-flow state only at the ingress node of the SR domain.

IGP protocols have been extended to advertise the segments. Because of IGP's propagation scope limitation, it is not suited for IGP to signal paths that span across AS borders.

In order to fulfill the need for applications that require visibility of SR paths across IGP areas or even across ASes, this document defines extensions for the mechanism introduced in [I-D.dhodylee-pce-pcep-ls] to propagate SR information in those scenarios that have no IGP SR extension or BGP-LS running.

2. PCEP extensions for Segment Routing

PCEP-LS [I-D.dhodylee-pce-pcep-ls] introduces new message type and new object to accommodate link-state information in PCEP. This document defines new additional TLVs to map segment routing information. The value portion of these new TLVs can reuse the structure defined in [I-D.ietf-isis-segment-routing-extensions].

2.1. Node Attribute TLVs

Some new optional, non-transitive node attribute TLVs are defined for carrying segment routing information and are listed below:

TLV Code Point	Description	Length	Value defined
TBD1	SID/Label Binding	variable	[ISIS-SR]#section2.4
TBD2	SR-Capabilities	variable	[ISIS-SR]#section3.1
TBD3	SR-Algorithm	variable	[ISIS-SR]#section3.2

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Table 1: Node Attribute TLVs

2.2. Link Attribute TLVs

Some new optional, non-transitive link attribute TLVs are defined for carrying segment routing information and are listed below:

TLV Code Point	Description	Length	Value defined
TBD4	Adjacency Segment	variable	[ISIS-SR]#section2.2.1
TBD5	LAN Adjacency Segment	variable	[ISIS-SR]#section2.2.2
TBD6	Tunnel Segment	variable	

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Table 2: Link Attribute TLVs

2.3. Prefix Attribute TLVs

A new optional, non-transitive link attribute TLVs are defined for carrying segment routing information and are listed below:

TLV Code Point	Description	Length	Value defined
TBD7	Prefix Segment	variable	[ISIS-SR]#section2.1.2

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Table 3: Prefix Attribute TLVs

3. Operational Considerations

3.1. Segment Routing report

The procedure for segment routing information reporting from PCC to PCE will follow those defined in [I-D.dhodylee-pce-pcep-ls].

3.2. Tunnel Segment Identifier

Tunnel Segment introduced in [I-D.li-spring-tunnel-segment] is used to identify a tunnel of any kind in a segment routing network. It is originated by the tunnel ingress node and one SID is allocated and attached to it either locally or globally.

4. IANA Considerations

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5. Security Considerations

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Abstract

This document introduces a simple mechanism to signal path diversity for a group of Label Switched Paths (LSPs) via an extension to the Path Computation Element Communication Protocol (PCEP).

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1. Introduction

[I-D.ietf-pce-association-group] introduces a generic mechanism to create a grouping of LSPs which can then be used to define associations between a set of LSPs and a set of attributes (such as configuration parameters or behaviours) and is equally applicable to the active and passive modes of a stateful PCE [I-D.ietf-pce-stateful-pce] or a stateless PCE [RFC5440].

This document specifies a PCEP extension to signal that a particular group of LSPs should use diverse paths including the requested type of diversity.

1.1. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

2. Terminology

The following terminology is used in this document.

LSR: Label Switch Router.

MPLS: Multiprotocol Label Switching.

PCC: Path Computation Client. Any client application requesting a path computation to be performed by a Path Computation Element.

PCE: Path Computation Element. An entity (component, application, or network node) that is capable of computing a network path or route based on a network graph and applying computational constraints.

PCEP: Path Computation Element Communication Protocol.

SRLG: Shared Risk Link Group.

3. Motivation

Path diversity is a very common use case today in IP/MPLS networks especially for layer 2 transport over MPLS. A customer may request that the operator provide two end-to-end disjoint paths across the IP/MPLS core. The customer may use those paths as primary/backup or active/active.

Different level of disjointness may be offered:

- o Link disjointness: the paths of the associated LSPs should transit different links (but may use common nodes or different links that may have some shared fate).
- o Node disjointness: the paths of the associated LSPs should transit different nodes (but may use different links that may have some shared fate).
- o SRLG disjointness: the paths of the associated LSPs should transit different links that do not share fate (but may use common transit nodes).
- o Node+SRLG disjointness: the paths of the associated LSPs should transit different links that do not have any common shared fate and should transit different nodes.

The associated LSPs may originate from the same or from different head-end(s) and may terminate at the same or different tail-end(s).

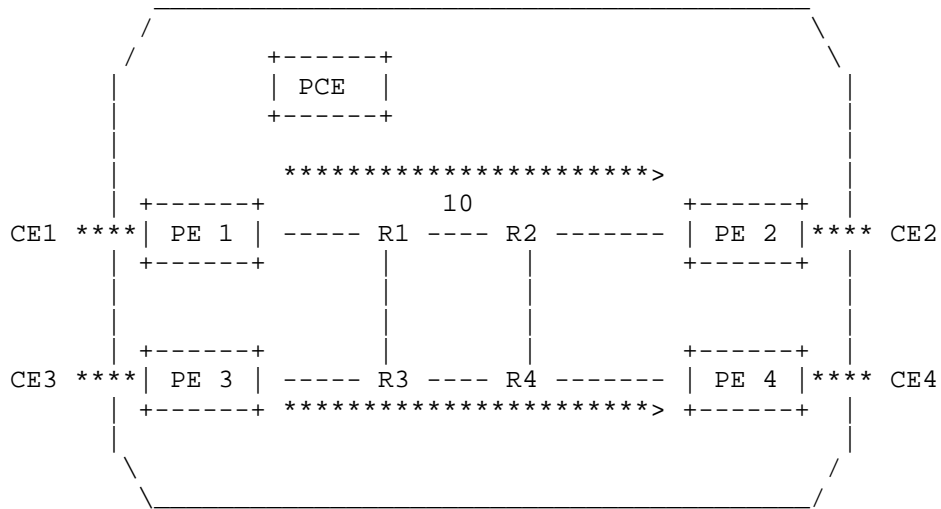


Figure 1 - Disjoint paths with different head-ends

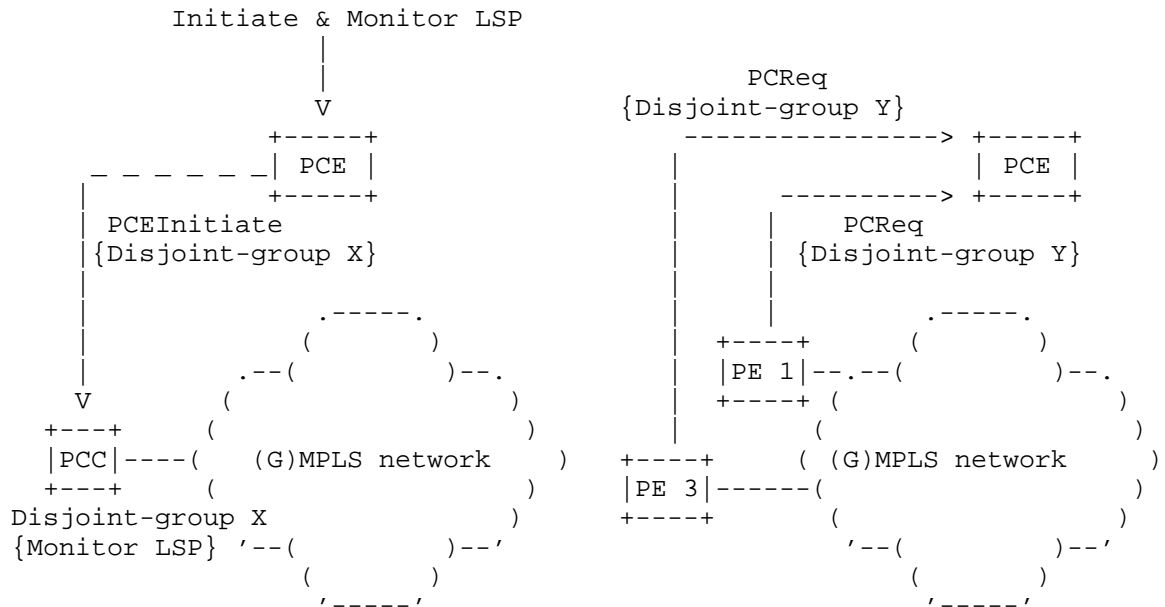
In the figure above, the customer wants to have two disjoint paths between CE1/CE2 and CE3/CE4. From an IP/MPLS network point view, in this example, the CEs are connected to different PEs to maximize their disjointness. When LSPs originate from different head-ends, distributed computation of diverse paths can be difficult. Whereas, computation via a centralized PCE ensures path disjointness correctness and simplicity.

Using PCEP, the PCC MUST indicate that disjoint path computation is required, such indication SHOULD include disjointness parameters such as the type of disjointness, the disjoint group-id, and any customization parameters according to local policy.

The PCC can use the generic mechanism as per [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group] to associate a set of LSPs with a particular disjoint-group.

The management of the disjoint group-ids will be a key point for the operator as the Association ID field is limited to 65535. The local configuration of IPv4/IPv6 association source, or Global Association Source/Extended Association ID should allow to overcome this limitation. For example, when a PCC or PCE initiates all the LSPs in a particular disjoint-group, it can set the IPv4/IPv6 association source can be set to one of its IP address. When disjoint LSPs are initiated from different head-ends, a unique association identifier SHOULD be used for those LSPs: this can be achieved by setting the

IPv4/IPv6 source address to a common value (zero value can be used) as well as the Association ID.



Case 1: Disjointness initiated by PCE and enforced by PCC

Case 2: Disjointness initiated by PCC and enforced by PCE

Figure 2 - Sample use-cases for carrying disjoint-group over PCEP session

Using the disjoint-group within a PCUpdate or PCInit may have two purposes:

- o Information: in case the PCE is performing the path computation, it may communicate to the PCC the locally used configured parameters in the attribute-list of the LSP.
- o Configuration: in case the PCC is performing the path computation but the PCE (without computation engine) is managing the LSP parameters, the PCE should add the disjoint-group within the PCUpdate message to communicate to the PCC the disjointness constraint.

4. Protocol extension

4.1. Association group

As per [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group], LSPs are associated with other LSPs with which they interact by adding them to a common association group. The Association ID will be used to identify the disjoint group a set of LSPs belongs to. This document defines four new Association types, based on the generic Association object -

- o Association type = TBD1 ("Disjointness Association Type") for link disjoint group.
- o Association type = TBD2 ("Disjointness Association Type") for node disjoint group.
- o Association type = TBD3 ("Disjointness Association Type") for srlg disjoint group.
- o Association type = TBD4 ("Disjointness Association Type") for node+srlg disjoint group.

A disjoint group can have two or more LSPs. But a PCE may be limited in how many LSPs it can take into account when computing disjointness: usually PCEs are able to compute a pair of disjoint paths. If a PCE receives more LSPs in the group than it can handle in its computation algorithm, it SHOULD apply disjointness computation to only a subset of LSPs in the group. The subset of disjoint LSPs will be decided by the implementation.

Local policies on the PCC or PCE MAY define the computational behavior for the other LSPs in the group. For example, the PCE may provide no path, a shortest path, or a constrained path based on relaxing disjointness, etc.

Associating a particular LSP to multiple disjoint groups is authorized from a protocol perspective, however there is no insurance that the PCE will be able to compute properly the multi-disjointness constraint.

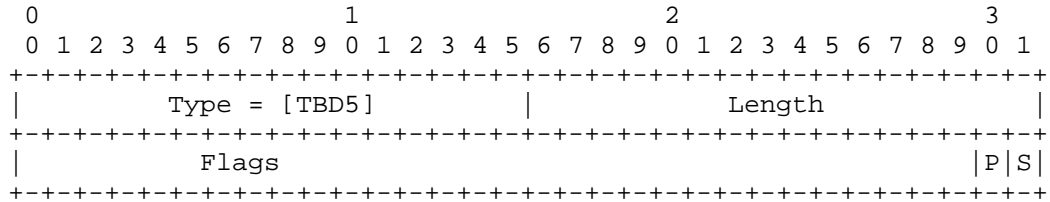
4.2. Optional TLVs

The disjoint group MAY carry some optional TLVs including but not limited to:

- o VENDOR-INFORMATION-TLV: Used to communicate arbitrary vendor specific behavioral information, described in [RFC7150].

- o DISJOINTNESS-INFORMATION-TLV: Used to communicate some disjointness specific parameters.

The DISJOINTNESS-INFORMATION-TLV is shown in the following figure:



Flags:

- * P: shortest path, this particular LSP in the group SHOULD use the shortest constrained path and others MAY use a non shortest constrained path. The shortest constrained path is the shortest path (from the requested metric point of view) that fills all the LSP constraints without taking into account the disjointness constraint. This means that an LSP with P flag set should be placed as if the disjointness constraint has not been configured, while the other LSP in the association with P flag unset should be placed by taking into account the disjointness constraint. Setting P flag changes the relationship between LSPs to a unidirectional relationship (LSP 1 with P=0 depends of LSP 2 with P=1, but LSP 2 with P=1 does not depend of LSP 1 with P=0).
- * S: strict disjointness, when set if disjoint paths cannot be found, PCE should return no path for LSPs that could not be be disjoint. When unset, PCE is allowed to relax disjointness by using either using a lower disjoint type (link instead of node) or relaxing disjointness constraint at all.

If a PCEP speaker receives a disjoint-group without DISJOINTNESS-INFORMATION-TLV, it SHOULD use its locally configured parameters or use the following default parameters:

- o Strict disjointness is assumed.
- o LSP can use a non shortest-path.

If a PCEP speaker receives two LSPs with the same disjoint-group but with a different S flag value, it SHOULD apply a strict disjointness path computation for this disjoint-group (it considers S flag set for all LSPs).

5. Security Considerations

This document defines one new type for association, which do not add any new security concerns beyond those discussed in [RFC5440], [I-D.ietf-pce-stateful-pce] and [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group] in itself.

6. IANA Considerations

6.1. Association object Type Indicators

This document defines the following new association type originally defined in [I-D.ietf-pce-association-group].

Value	Name	Reference
TBD1	Link Disjoint-group Association Type	[This I.D.]
TBD2	Node Disjoint-group Association Type	[This I.D.]
TBD3	SRLG Disjoint-group Association Type	[This I.D.]
TBD4	Node+SRLG Disjoint-group Association Type	[This I.D.]

This document defines the following new PCEP TLV:

Value	Name	Reference
TBD5	DISJOINTNESS-INFORMATION-TLV	[This I.D.]

IANA is requested to manage the space of flags carried in the DISJOINTNESS-INFORMATION TLV defined in this document, numbering them from 0 as the least significant bit.

New bit numbers may be allocated in future.

IANA is requested to allocate the following bit numbers in the DISJOINTNESS-INFORMATION-TLV flag space:

Bit Number	Name	Reference
0	Strict disjointness	[This I.D.]
1	Shortest-path	[This I.D.]

7. Manageability Considerations

7.1. Control of Function and Policy

An operator **MUST** be allowed to configure the disjointness associations and parameters at PCEP peers and associate it with the LSPs.

7.2. Information and Data Models

[RFC7420] describes the PCEP MIB, there are no new MIB Objects for this document.

7.3. Liveness Detection and Monitoring

Mechanisms defined in this document do not imply any new liveness detection and monitoring requirements in addition to those already listed in [RFC5440].

7.4. Verify Correct Operations

Mechanisms defined in this document do not imply any new operation verification requirements in addition to those already listed in [RFC5440].

7.5. Requirements On Other Protocols

Mechanisms defined in this document do not imply any new requirements on other protocols.

7.6. Impact On Network Operations

Mechanisms defined in this document do not have any impact on network operations in addition to those already listed in [RFC5440].

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Inter Stateful Path Computation Element (PCE) Communication Procedures.
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Abstract

The Path Computation Element Communication Protocol (PCEP) provides mechanisms for Path Computation Elements (PCEs) to perform path computations in response to Path Computation Clients (PCCs) requests. The stateful PCE extensions allow stateful control of Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) Traffic Engineering Label Switched Paths (TE LSPs) using PCEP.

A Path Computation Client (PCC) can synchronize an LSP state information to a Stateful Path Computation Element (PCE). The stateful PCE extension allows a redundancy scenario where a PCC can have redundant PCEP sessions towards multiple PCEs. In such a case, a PCC gives control on a LSP to only a single PCE, and only one PCE is responsible for path computation for this delegated LSP. The document does not state the procedures related to an inter-PCE stateful communication.

There are some use cases, where an inter-PCE stateful communication can bring additional resiliency in the design, for instance when some PCC-PCE sessions fails. The inter-PCE stateful communication may also provide a faster update of the LSP states when such an event occurs. Finally, when, in a redundant PCE scenario, there is a need to compute a set of paths that are part of a group (so there is a dependency between the paths), there may be some cases where the computation of all paths in the group is not handled by the same PCE: this situation is called a split-brain. This split-brain scenario may lead to computation loops between PCEs or suboptimal path computation.

This document describes the procedures to allow a stateful communication between PCEs for various use-cases and also the procedures to prevent computations loops.

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1. Introduction and Problem Statement

The Path Computation Element communication Protocol (PCEP) [RFC5440]" provides mechanisms for Path Computation Elements (PCEs) to perform path computations in response to Path Computation Clients' (PCCs) requests.

A stateful PCE [RFC8231] is capable of considering, for the purposes of path computation, not only the network state in terms of links and nodes (referred to as the Traffic Engineering Database or TED) but also the status of active services (previously computed paths, and currently reserved resources, stored in the Label Switched Paths Database (LSP-DB).

[RFC8051] describes general considerations for a stateful PCE deployment and examines its applicability and benefits, as well as its challenges and limitations through a number of use cases.

The examples in this section are for illustrative purpose to showcase the need for inter-PCE stateful PCEP sessions.

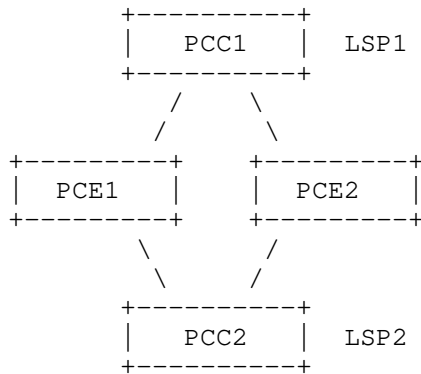
1.1. Reporting LSP changes

When using a stateful PCE ([RFC8231]), a PCC can synchronize an LSP state information to the stateful PCE. If the PCC grants the control on the LSP to the PCE (called delegation [RFC8231]), the PCE can update the LSP parameters at any time.

In a multi PCE deployment (redundancy, loadbalancing...), with the current specification defined in [RFC8231], when a PCE makes an update, it is the PCC that is in charge of reporting the LSP status to all PCEs with LSP parameter change which brings additional hops and delays in notifying the overall network of the LSP parameter change.

This delay may affect the reaction time of the other PCEs, if they need to take action after being notified of the LSP parameter change.

Apart from the synchronization from the PCC, it is also useful if there is synchronization mechanism between the stateful PCEs. As stateful PCE make changes to its delegated LSPs, these changes (pending LSPs and the sticky resources [RFC7399]) can be synchronized immediately to the other PCEs.



In the figure above, we consider a load-balanced PCE architecture, so PCE1 is responsible to compute paths for PCC1 and PCE2 is responsible to compute paths for PCC2. When PCE1 triggers an LSP update for LSP1, it sends a PCUpd message to PCC1 containing the new parameters for LSP1. PCC1 will take the parameters into account and will send a PCRpt message to PCE1 and PCE2 reflecting the changes. PCE2 will so

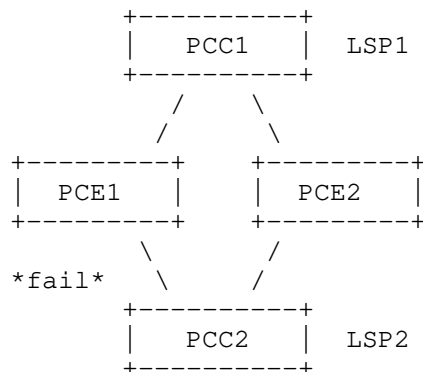
be notified of the change only after receiving the PCRpt message from PCC1.

Let's consider that the LSP1 parameters changed in such a way that LSP1 will take over resources from LSP2 with a higher priority. After receiving the report from PCC1, PCE2 will therefore try to find a new path for LSP2. If we consider that there is a round trip delay of about 150 milliseconds (ms) between the PCEs and PCC1 and a round trip delay of 10 ms between the two PCEs, it will take more than 150 ms for PCE2 to be notified of the change.

Adding a PCEP session between PCE1 and PCE2 may allow to reduce the synchronization time, so PCE2 can react more quickly by taking the pending LSPs and attached resources into account during path computation and reoptimization.

1.2. Split-brain

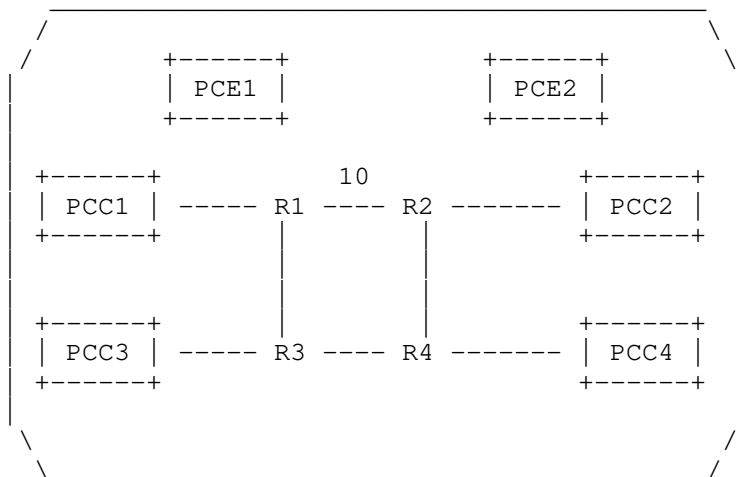
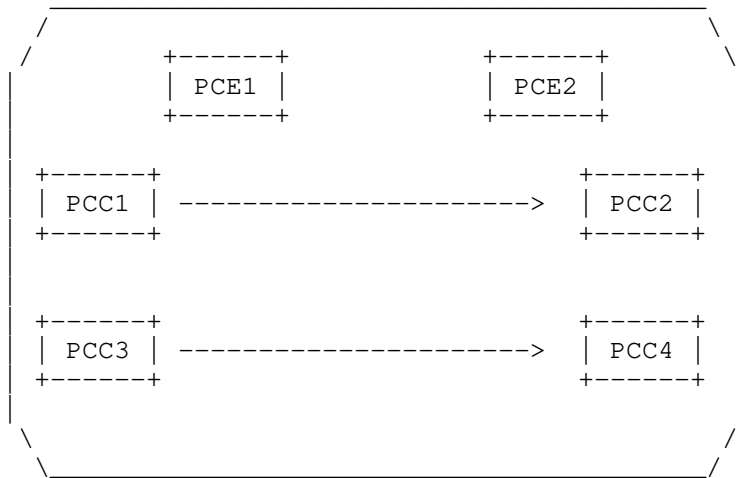
In a resiliency case, a PCC has redundant PCEP sessions towards multiple PCEs. In such a case, a PCC gives control on an LSP to a single PCE only, and only this PCE is responsible for the path computation for the delegated LSP: the PCC achieves this by setting the D flag only towards the active PCE [RFC8231] selected for delegation. The election of the active PCE to delegate an LSP is controlled by each PCC. The PCC usually elects the active PCE by a local configured policy (by setting a priority). Upon PCEP session failure, or active PCE failure, PCC may decide to elect a new active PCE by sending new PCRpt message with D flag set to this new active PCE. When the failed PCE or PCEP session comes back online, it will be up to the implementation to do pre-emption. Doing pre-emption may lead to some disruption on the existing path if path results from both PCEs are not exactly the same. By considering a network with multiple PCCs and implementing multiple stateful PCEs for redundancy purpose, there is no guarantee that at any time all the PCCs delegate their LSPs to the same PCE.



In the example above, we consider that by configuration, both PCCs will firstly delegate their LSPs to PCE1. So, PCE1 is responsible for computing a path for both LSP1 and LSP2. If the PCEP session between PCC2 and PCE1 fails, PCC2 will delegate LSP2 to PCE2. So PCE1 becomes responsible only for LSP1 path computation while PCE2 is responsible for the path computation of LSP2. When the PCC2-PCE1 session is back online, PCC2 will keep using PCE2 as active PCE (consider no pre-emption in this example). So the result is a permanent situation where each PCE is responsible for a subset of path computation.

This situation is called a split-brain scenario, as there are multiple computation brains running at the same time while a central computation unit was required in some deployments/usecases.

Further, there are use cases where a particular LSP path computation is linked to another LSP path computation: the most common use case is path disjointness (see [I-D.ietf-pce-association-diversity]). The set of LSPs that are dependant to each other may start from a different head-end.



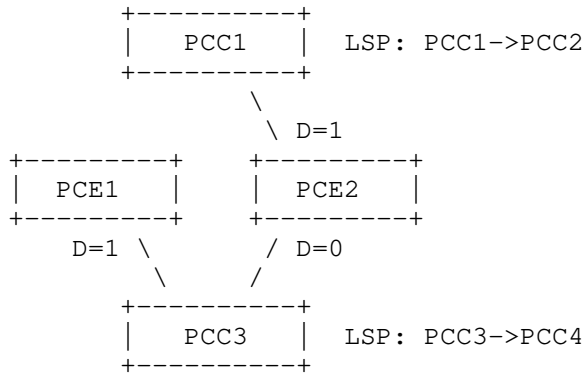
In the figure above, the requirement is to create two link-disjoint LSPs: PCC1->PCC2 and PCC3->PCC4. In the topology, all links cost metric is set to 1 except for the link 'R1-R2' which has a metric of 10. The PCEs are responsible for the path computation and PCE1 is the active primary PCE for all PCCs in the nominal case.

Scenario 1:

In the normal case (PCE1 as active primary PCE), consider that PCC1->PCC2 LSP is configured first with the link disjointness constraint, PCE1 sends a PCUpd message to PCC1 with the ERO: R1->R3->R4->R2->PCC2 (shortest path). PCC1 signals and installs the path. When PCC3->PCC4 is configured, the PCEs already knows the path of PCC1->PCC2 and can compute a link-disjoint path : the solution requires to move PCC1->PCC2 onto a new path to let room for the new LSP. PCE1 sends a PCUpd message to PCC1 with the new ERO: R1->R2->PCC2 and a PCUpd to PCC3 with the following ERO: R3->R4->PCC4. In the normal case, there is no issue for PCE1 to compute a link-disjoint path.

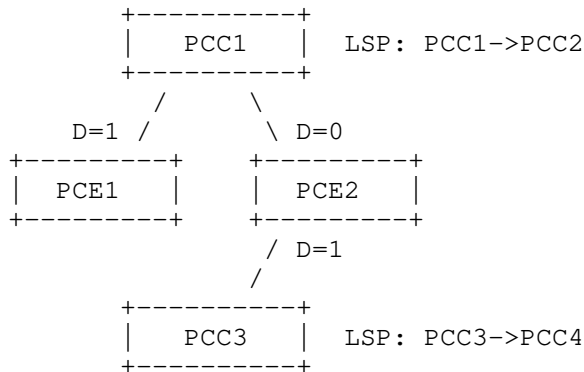
Scenario 2:

Consider that PCC1 lost its PCEP session with PCE1 (all other PCEP sessions are UP). PCC1 delegates its LSP to PCE2.



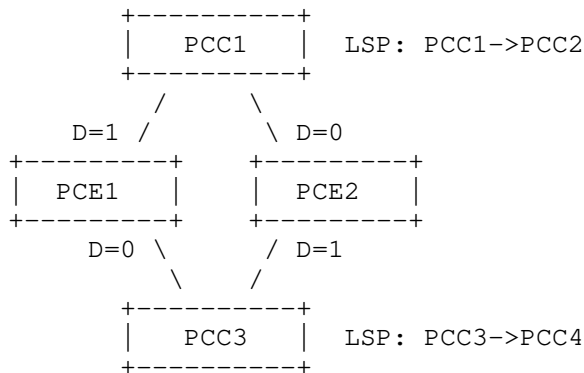
Consider that the PCC1->PCC2 LSP is configured first with the link disjointness constraint, PCE2 (which is the new active primary PCE for PCC1) sends a PCUpd message to PCC1 with the ERO: R1->R3->R4->R2->PCC2 (shortest path). When PCC3->PCC4 is configured, PCE1 is not aware of LSPs from PCC1 any more, so it cannot compute a disjoint path for PCC3->PCC4 and will send a PCUpd message to PCC3 with a shortest path ERO: R3->R4->PCC4. When PCC3->PCC4 LSP will be reported to PCE2 by PCC3, PCE2 will ensure disjointness computation and will correctly move PCC1->PCC2 (as it owns delegation for this LSP) on the following path: R1->R2->PCC2. With this sequence of event and these PCEP sessions, disjointness is ensured.

Scenario 3:



Consider the above PCEP sessions and the PCC1->PCC2 LSP is configured first with the link disjointness constraint, PCE1 computes the shortest path as it is the only LSP in the disjoint association group that it is aware of: R1->R3->R4->R2->PCC2 (shortest path). When PCC3->PCC4 is configured, PCE2 must compute a disjoint path for this LSP. The only solution found is to move PCC1->PCC2 LSP on another path, but PCE2 cannot do it as it does not have delegation for this LSP. In this set-up, PCEs are not able to find a disjoint path.

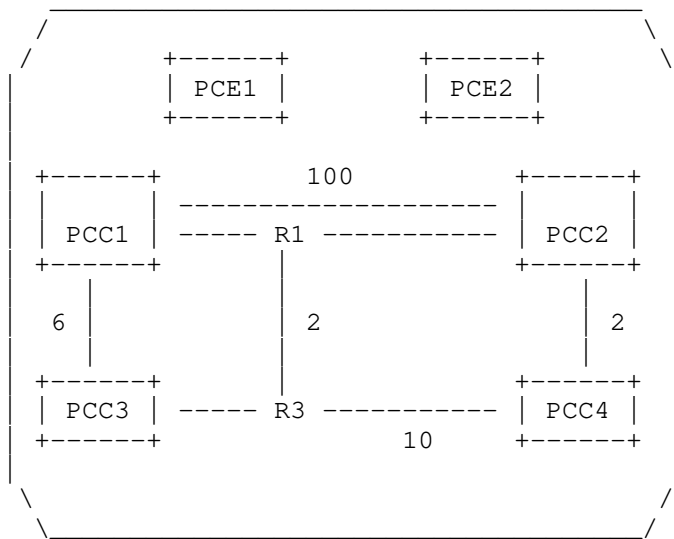
Scenario 4:



Consider the above PCEP sessions and that PCEs are configured to fallback to shortest path if disjointness cannot be found as described in [I-D.ietf-pce-association-diversity]. The PCC1->PCC2 LSP is configured first, PCE1 computes shortest path as it is the only LSP in the disjoint association group that it is aware of: R1->R3->R4->R2->PCC2 (shortest path). When PCC3->PCC4 is configured, PCE2 must compute a disjoint path for this LSP. The only solution found is to move PCC1->PCC2 LSP on another path, but PCE2 cannot do

it as it does not have delegation for this LSP. PCE2 then provides shortest path for PCC3->PCC4: R3->R4->PCC4. When PCC3 receives the ERO, it reports it back to both PCEs. When PCE1 becomes aware of PCC3->PCC4 path, it recomputes the constrained shortest path first (CSPF) algorithm and provides a new path for PCC1->PCC2: R1->R2->PCC2. The new path is reported back to all PCEs by PCC1. PCE2 recomputes also CSPF to take into account the new reported path. The new computation does not lead to any path update.

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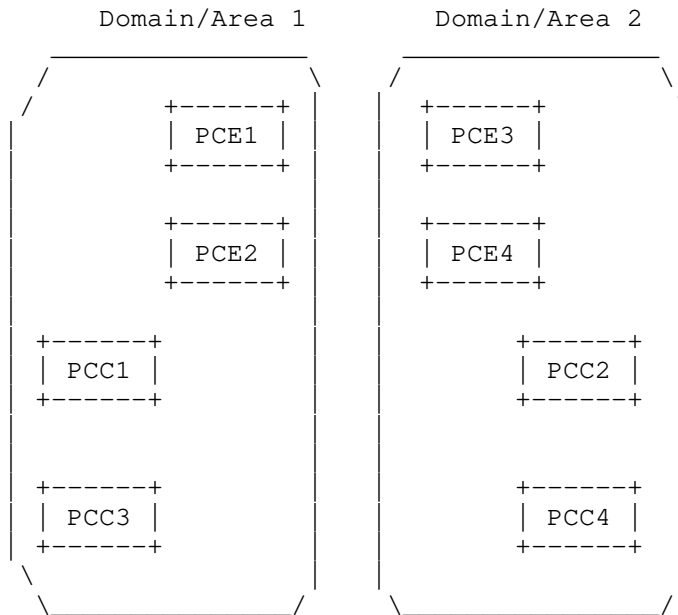


Now, consider a new network topology with the same PCEP sessions as the previous example. Suppose that both LSPs are configured almost at the same time. PCE1 will compute a path for PCC1->PCC2 while PCE2 will compute a path for PCC3->PCC4. As each PCE is not aware of the path of the second LSP in the association group (not reported yet), each PCE is computing shortest path for the LSP. PCE1 computes ERO: R1->PCC2 for PCC1->PCC2 and PCE2 computes ERO: R3->R1->PCC2->PCC4 for PCC3->PCC4. When these shortest paths will be reported to each PCE. Each PCE will recompute disjointness. PCE1 will provide a new path for PCC1->PCC2 with ERO: PCC1->PCC2. PCE2 will provide also a new path for PCC3->PCC4 with ERO: R3->PCC4. When those new paths will be reported to both PCEs, this will trigger CSPF again. PCE1 will provide a new more optimal path for PCC1->PCC2 with ERO: R1->PCC2 and PCE2 will also provide a more optimal path for PCC3->PCC4 with ERO: R3->R1->PCC2->PCC4. So we come back to the initial state. When

those paths will be reported to both PCEs, this will trigger CSPF again. An infinite loop of CSPF computation is then happening with a permanent flap of paths because of the split-brain situation.

This permanent computation loop comes from the inconsistency between the state of the LSPs as seen by each PCE due to the split-brain: each PCE is trying to modify at the same time its delegated path based on the last received path information which de facto invalidates this received path information.

Scenario 6: multi-domain



In the example above, suppose that the disjoint LSPs from PCC1 to PCC2 and from PCC4 to PCC3 are created. All the PCEs have the knowledge of both domain topologies (e.g. using BGP-LS [RFC7752]). For operation/management reason, each domain uses its own group of redundant PCEs. PCE1/PCE2 in domain 1 have PCEP sessions with PCC1 and PCC3 while PCE3/PCE4 in domain 2 have PCEP sessions with PCC2 and PCC4. As PCE1/2 do not know about LSPs from PCC2/4 and PCE3/4 do not know about LSPs from PCC1/3, there is no possibility to compute the disjointness constraint. This scenario can also be seen as a split-brain scenario. This multi-domain architecture (with multiple groups of PCEs) can also be used in a single domain, where an operator wants to limit the failure domain by creating multiple groups of PCEs

maintaining a subset of PCCs. As for the multi-domain example, there will be no possibility to compute disjoint path starting from head-ends managed by different PCE groups.

In this document, we propose a solution that address the possibility to compute LSP association based constraints (like disjointness) in split-brain scenarios while preventing computation loops.

1.3. Applicability to H-PCE

[I-D.ietf-pce-stateful-hpce] describes general considerations and use cases for the deployment of Stateful PCE(s) using the Hierarchical PCE [RFC6805] architecture. In this architecture there is a clear need to communicate between a child stateful PCE and a parent stateful PCE. The procedures and extensions as described in Section 3 are equally applicable to H-PCE scenario.

2. Proposed solution

Our solution is based on :

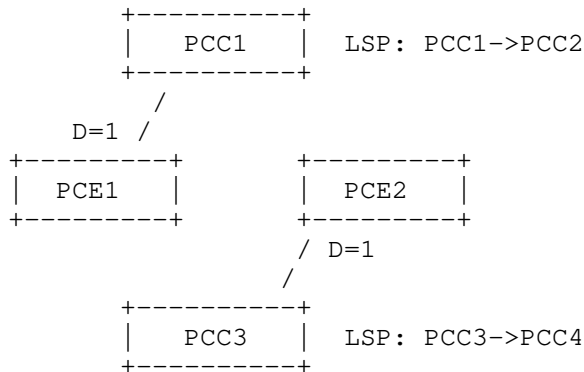
- o The creation of the inter-PCE stateful PCEP session with specific procedures.
- o A Master/Slave relationship between PCEs.

2.1. State-sync session

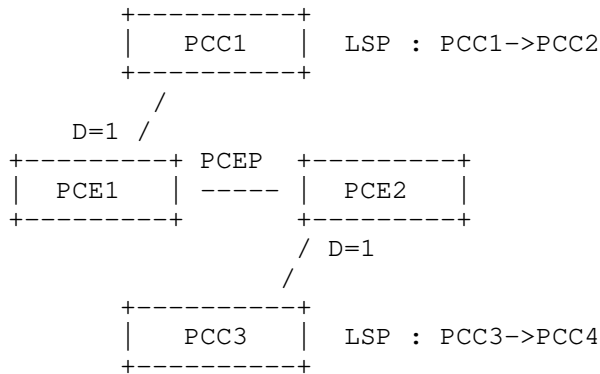
This document proposes to set-up a PCEP session between the stateful PCEs. Creating such a session is already authorized by multiple scenarios like the one described in [RFC4655] (multiple PCEs that are handling part of the path computation) and [RFC6805] (hierarchical PCE) but was only focused on stateless PCEP sessions. As stateful PCE brings additional features (LSP state synchronization, path update, delegation, ...), thus some new behaviours need to be defined.

This inter-PCE PCEP session will allow exchange of LSP states between PCEs that would help some scenario where PCEP sessions are lost between PCC and PCE. This inter-PCE PCEP session is called a state-sync session.

For example, in the scenario below, there is no possibility to compute disjointness as there is no PCE that is aware of both LSPs.



If we add a state-sync session, PCE1 will be able to do state synchronization via PCRpt messages for its LSP to PCE2 and PCE2 will do the same. All the PCEs will be aware of all LSPs even if PCC->PCE session are down. PCEs will then be able to compute disjoint paths.



The procedures associated with this state-sync session are defined in Section 3.

By just adding this state-sync session, it does not ensure that a path with LSP association based constraints can always be computed and does not prevent computation loop, but it increases resiliency and ensures that PCEs will have the state information for all LSPs. In addition, this session will allow for a PCE to update the other PCEs providing a faster synchronization mechanism than relying on PCCs only.

2.2. Master/Slave relationship between PCE

As seen in Section 1, performing a path computation in a split-brain scenario (multiple PCEs responsible for computation) may provide a non optimal LSP placement, no path or computation loops. To provide the best efficiency, an LSP association constraint based computation requires that a single PCE performs the path computation for all LSPs in the association group. Note that, it could be all LSPs belonging to a particular association group, or all LSPs from a particular PCC, or all LSPs in the network that need to be delegated to a single PCE based on the deployment scenarios.

This document propose to add a priority mechanism between PCEs to elect a single computing PCE. Using this priority mechanism, PCEs can agree on the PCE that will be responsible for the computation for a particular association group, or set of LSPs. The priority could be set per association, per PCC, or for all LSPs. How this priority is set or advertised is out of scope of this document. The rest of the text consider association group as an example.

When a single PCE is performing the computation for a particular association group, no computation loop can happen and an optimal placement will be provided. The other PCEs will only act as state collectors and forwarders.

In the scenario described in Section 2.1, PCE1 and PCE2 will decide that PCE1 will be responsible for the path computation of both LSPs. If we first configure PCC1->PCC2, PCE1 computes shortest path at it is the only LSP in the disjoint-group that it is aware of: R1->R3->R4->R2->PCC2 (shortest path). When PCC3->PCC4 is configured, PCE2 will not perform computation even if it has delegation but forwards the delegation via PCRpt message to PCE1 through the state-sync session. PCE1 will then perform disjointness computation and will move PCC1->PCC2 onto R1->R2->PCC2 and provides an ERO to PCE2 for PCC3->PCC4: R3->R4->PCC4. The PCE2 will further update the PCC3 with the new path.

3. Procedures and Protocol Extensions

3.1. Opening a state-sync session

3.1.1. Capability Advertisement

A PCE indicates its support of state-sync procedures during the PCEP Initialization phase [RFC5440]. The OPEN object in the Open message MUST contains the "Stateful PCE Capability" TLV defined in [RFC8231]. A new P (INTER-PCE-CAPABILITY) flag is introduced to indicate the support of state-sync.

This document adds a new bit in the Flags field with :

P (INTER-PCE-CAPABILITY - 1 bit): If set to 1 by a PCEP Speaker, the PCEP speaker indicates that the session MUST follow the state-sync procedures as described in this document. The P bit MUST be set by both speakers: if a PCEP Speaker receives a STATEFUL-PCE-CAPABILITY TLV with P=0 while it advertised P=1 or if both set P flag to 0, the session SHOULD be set-up but the state-sync procedures MUST NOT be applied on this session.

The U flag [RFC8231] MUST be set when sending the STATEFUL-PCE-CAPABILITY TLV with the P flag set. In case the U flag is not set along with the P flag, the state sync capability is not enabled and it is considered as if P flag is not set. The S flag MAY be set if optimized synchronization is required as per [RFC8232].

3.2. State synchronization

When the state sync capability has been negotiated between stateful PCEs, each PCEP speaker will behave as a PCE and as a PCC at the same time regarding the state synchronization as defined in [RFC8231]. This means that each PCEP Speaker:

- o MUST send a PCRpt message towards its neighbour with S flag set for each LSP in its LSP database learned from a PCC. (PCC role)
- o MUST send the End Of Synchronization Marker towards its neighbour when all LSPs have been reported. (PCC role)
- o MUST wait for the LSP synchronization from its neighbour to end (receiving an End Of Synchronization Marker). (PCE role)

The process of synchronization runs in parallel on each PCE (with no defined order).

Optimized state synchronization procedures MAY be used, as defined in [RFC8232].

When a PCEP Speaker sends a PCRpt on a state-sync session, it MUST add the SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV (defined in [RFC8232]) in the LSP Object, the value used will refer to the 'owner' PCC of the LSP. If a PCEP Speaker receives a PCRpt on a state-sync session without this TLV, it MUST discard the PCRpt message and it MUST reply with a PCErr message using error-type=6 (Mandatory Object missing) and error-value=TBD1 (SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV missing).

3.3. Incremental updates and report forwarding rules

During the life of an LSP, its state may change (path, constraints, operational state...) and a PCC will advertise a new PCRpt to the PCE for each such change.

When propagating LSP state changes from a PCE to other PCEs, it is mandatory to ensure that a PCE always uses the freshest state coming from the PCC.

When a PCE receives a new PCRpt from a PCC with the LSP-DB-VERSION, the PCE MUST forward the PCRpt to all its state-sync sessions and MUST add the appropriate SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV in the PCRpt. In addition, it MUST add a new ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION TLV (described below). The ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION contains the LSP-DB-VERSION coming from the PCC.

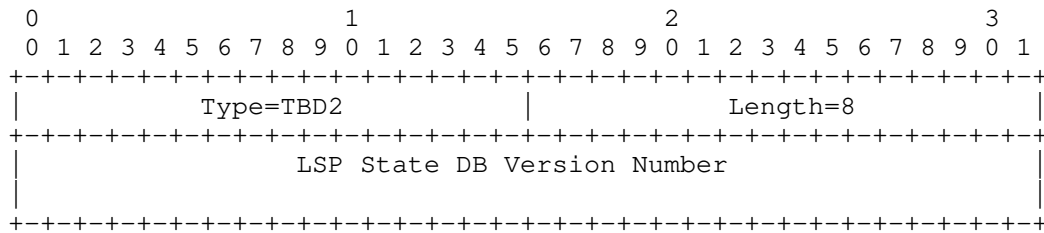
When a PCE receives a new PCRpt from a PCC without the LSP-DB-VERSION, it SHOULD NOT forward the PCRpt on any state-sync sessions and log such an event on the first occurrence.

When a PCE receives a new PCRpt from a PCC with the R flag set and a LSP-DB-VERSION TLV, the PCE MUST forward the PCRpt to all its state-sync sessions keeping the R flag set (Remove) and MUST add the appropriate SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV and ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION TLV in the PCRpt message.

When a PCE receives a PCRpt from a state-sync session, it MUST NOT forward the PCRpt to other state-sync sessions. This helps to prevent message loops between PCEs. As a consequence, a full mesh of PCEP sessions between PCEs is REQUIRED.

When a PCRpt is forwarded, all the original objects and values are kept. As an example, the PLSP-ID used in the forwarded PCRpt will be the same as the original one used by the PCC. Thus an implementation supporting this document MUST consider SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV and PLSP-ID together to uniquely identify an LSP on the state-sync session.

The ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION TLV is encoded as follows and MUST always contain the LSP-DB-VERSION received from the owner PCC of the LSP:



Using the ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION TLV allows a PCE to keep using optimized synchronization ([RFC8232]) with another PCE. In such a case, the PCE will send a PCRpt to another PCE with both ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION TLV and LSP-DB-VERSION TLV. The ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION TLV will contain the version number as allocated by the PCC while the LSP-DB-VERSION will contain the version number allocated by the local PCE.

3.4. Maintaining LSP states from different sources

When a PCE receives a PCRpt on a state-sync session, it stores the LSP information into the original PCC address context (as the LSP belongs to the PCC). A PCE SHOULD maintain a single state for a particular LSP and SHOULD maintain the list of sources it learned a particular state from.

A PCEP speaker may receive a state information for a particular LSP from different sources: the PCC that owns the LSP (through a regular PCEP session) and some PCEs (through PCEP state-sync sessions). A PCEP speaker MUST always keep the freshest state in its LSP database, overriding the previously received information.

A PCE, receiving a PCRpt from a PCC, updates the state of the LSP in its LSP-DB with the new received information. When receiving a PCRpt from another PCE, a PCE SHOULD update the LSP state only if the ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION present in the PCRpt is greater than the current ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION of the stored LSP state. This ensures that a PCE never tries to update its stored LSP state with an old information. Each time a PCE updates an LSP state in its LSP-DB, it SHOULD reset the source list associated with the LSP state and SHOULD add the source speaker address in the source list. When a PCE receives a PCRpt which has an ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION (if coming from a PCE) or an LSP-DB-VERSION (if coming from the PCC) equals to the current ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION of the stored LSP state, it SHOULD add the source speaker address in the source list.

When a PCE receives a PCRpt requesting an LSP deletion from a particular source, it SHOULD remove this particular source from the list of sources associated with this LSP.

When the list of sources becomes empty for a particular LSP, the LSP state MUST be removed. This means that all the sources must send a PCRpt with R=1 for an LSP to make the PCE remove the LSP state.

3.5. Computation priority between PCEs and sub-delegation

A computation priority is necessary to ensure that a single PCE will perform the computation for all the LSPs in an association group: this will allow for a more optimized LSP placement and will prevent computation loops.

All PCEs in the network that are handling LSPs in a common LSP association group SHOULD be aware of each other including the computation priority of each PCE. Note that there is no need for PCC to be aware of this. The computation priority is a number and the PCE having the highest priority SHOULD be responsible for the computation. If several PCEs have the same priority value, their IP address SHOULD be used as a tie-breaker to provide a rank: the highest IP address has more priority. How PCEs are aware of the priority of each other is out of scope of this document, but as example learning priorities could be done through PCE discovery or local configuration.

The definition of the priority could be global so the highest priority PCE will handle all path computations or more granular, so a PCE may have highest priority for only a subset of LSPs or association-groups.

A PCEP Speaker receiving a PCRpt from a PCC with D flag set that does not have the highest computation priority, SHOULD forward the PCRpt on all state-sync sessions (as per Section 3.3) and SHOULD set D flag on the state-sync session towards the highest priority PCE, D flag will be unset to all other state-sync sessions. This behaviour is similar to the delegation behaviour handled at PCC side and is called a sub-delegation (the PCE sub-delegates the control of the LSP to another PCE). When a PCEP Speaker sub-delegates a LSP to another PCE, it loses the control on the LSP and cannot update it any more by its own decision. When a PCE receives a PCRpt with D flag set on a state-sync session, as a regular PCE, it is granted control over the LSP.

If the highest priority PCE is failing or if the state-sync session between the local PCE and the highest priority PCE failed, the local PCE MAY decide to delegate the LSP to the next highest priority PCE or to take back control on the LSP. It is a local policy decision.

When a PCE has the delegation for an LSP and needs to update this LSP, it MUST send a PCUpd message to all state-sync sessions and to

the PCC session on which it received the delegation. The D-Flag would be unset in the PCUpd for state-sync sessions where as D-Flag would be set for the PCC. In case of sub-delegation, the computing PCE will send the PCUpd only to all state-sync sessions (as it has no direct delegation from a PCC). The D-Flag would be set for the state-sync session to the PCE that sub-delegated this LSP and the D-Flag would be unset for other state-sync sessions.

The PCUpd sent over a state-sync session MUST contain the SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV in the LSP Object (the value used must identify the target PCC). The PLSP-ID used is the original PLSP-ID generated by the PCC and learned from the forwarded PCRpt. If a PCE receives a PCUpd on a state-sync session without the SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV, it MUST discard the PCUpd and MUST reply with a PCErr message using error-type=6 (Mandatory Object missing) and error-value=TBD1 (SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV missing).

When a PCE receives a valid PCUpd on a state-sync session, it SHOULD forward the PCUpd to the appropriate PCC (identified based on the SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV value) that delegated the LSP originally and SHOULD remove the SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV from the LSP Object. The acknowledgement of the PCUpd is done through a cascaded mechanism, and the PCC is the only responsible of triggering the acknowledgement: when the PCC receives the PCUpd from the local PCE, it acknowledges it with a PCRpt as per [RFC8231]. When receiving the new PCRpt from the PCC, the local PCE uses the defined forwarding rules on the state-sync session so the acknowledgement is relayed to the computing PCE.

A PCE SHOULD NOT compute a path using an association-group constraint if it has delegation for only a subset of LSPs in the group. In this case, an implementation MAY use a local policy on PCE to decide if PCE does not compute path at all for this set of LSP or if it can compute a path by relaxing the association-group constraint.

3.6. Passive stateful procedures

In the passive stateful PCE architecture, the PCC is responsible for triggering a path computation request using a PCReq message to its PCE. Similarly to PCRpt Message, which remains unchanged for passive mode, if a PCE receives a PCReq for an LSP and if this PCE finds that it does not have the highest computation priority of this LSP, or groups..., it MUST forward the PCReq message to the highest priority PCE over the state-sync session. When the highest priority PCE receives the PCReq, it computes the path and generates a PCRep message towards the PCE that made the request. This PCE will then forward the PCRep to the requesting PCC. The handling of LSP object

and the SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV in PCReq and PCRep is similar to PCRpt/PCUpd messages.

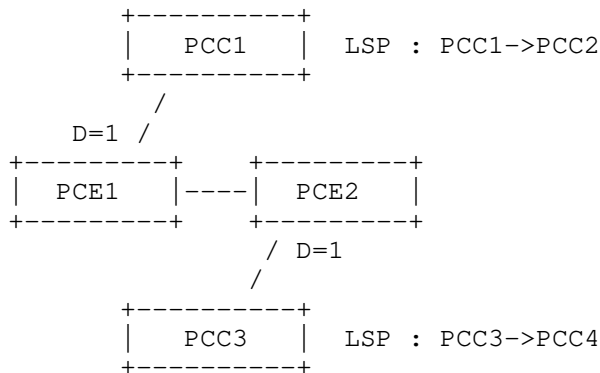
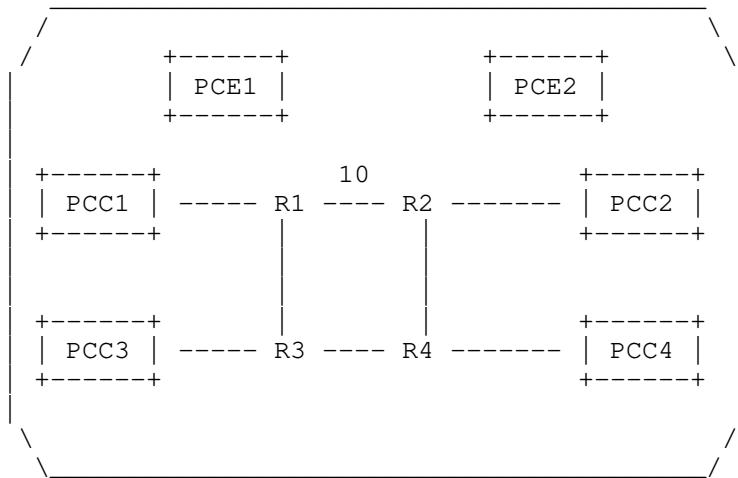
3.7. PCE initiation procedures

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4. Examples

The examples in this section are for illustrative purpose to show how the behaviour of the state sync inter-PCE sessions.

4.1. Example 1



PCE1 computation priority 100
 PCE2 computation priority 200

Consider the PCEP sessions as shown above, where computation priority is global for all the LSPs and link disjoint between LSPs PCC1->PCC2 and PCC3->PCC4 is required.

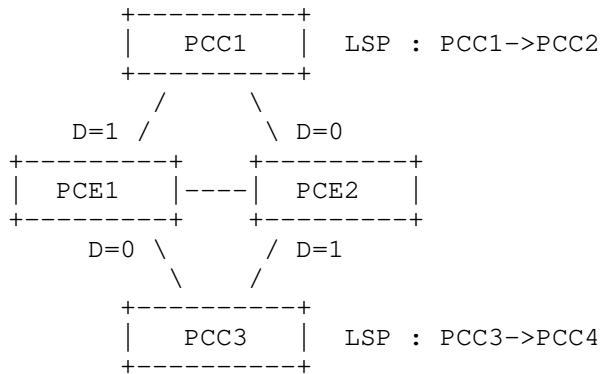
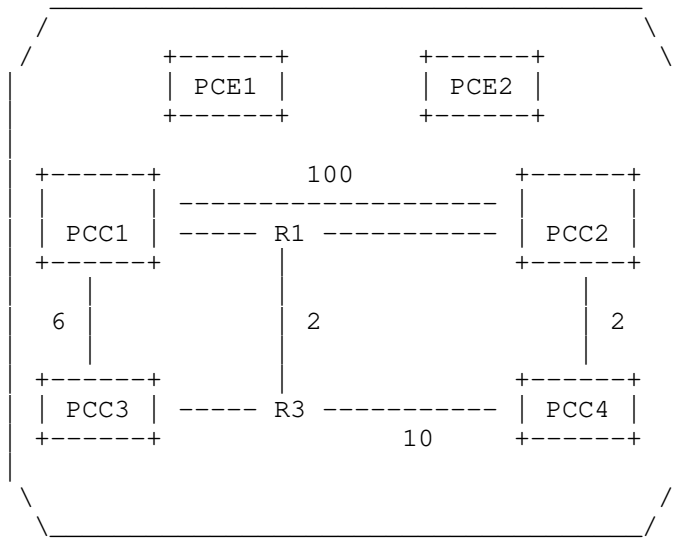
Consider the PCC1->PCC2 is configured first and PCC1 delegates the LSP to PCE1, but as PCE1 does not have the highest computation priority, it sub-delegates the LSP to PCE2 by sending a PCRpt with D=1 and including the SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV over the state-sync session. PCE2 receives the PCRpt and as it has delegation for this LSP, it computes the shortest path: R1->R3->R4->R2->PCC2. It then sends a PCUpd to PCE1 (including the SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV) with the computed ERO. PCE1 forwards the PCUpd to PCC1 (removing the SPEAKER-

IDENTITY-TLV). PCC1 acknowledges the PCUpd by a PCRpt to PCE1. PCE1 forwards the PCRpt to PCE2.

When PCC3->PCC4 is configured, PCC3 delegates the LSP to PCE2, PCE2 can compute a disjoint path as it has knowledge of both LSPs and has delegation also for both. The only solution found is to move PCC1->PCC2 LSP on another path, PCE2 can move PCC1->PCC2 as it has sub-delegation for it. It creates a new PCUpd with new ERO: R1->R2-PCC2 towards PCE1 which forwards to PCC1. PCE2 sends a PCUpd to PCC3 with the path: R3->R4->PCC4.

In this set-up, PCEs are able to find a disjoint path while without state-sync and computation priority they could not.

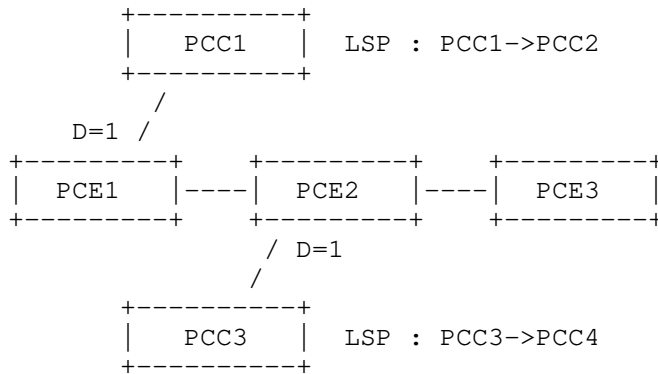
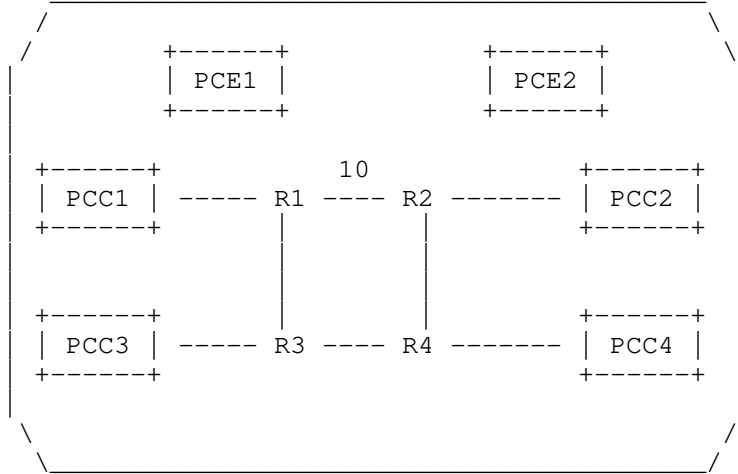
4.2. Example 2



PCE1 computation priority 200
 PCE2 computation priority 100

In this example, suppose both LSPs are configured almost at the same time. PCE1 sub-delegates PCC1->PCC2 to PCE2 while PCE2 keeps delegation for PCC3->PCC4, PCE2 computes a path for PCC1->PCC2 and PCC3->PCC4 and can achieve disjointness computation easily. No computation loop happens in this case.

4.3. Example 3



PCE1 computation priority 100
 PCE2 computation priority 200
 PCE3 computation priority 300

With the PCEP sessions as shown above, consider the need to have link disjoint LSPs PCC1->PCC2 and PCC3->PCC4.

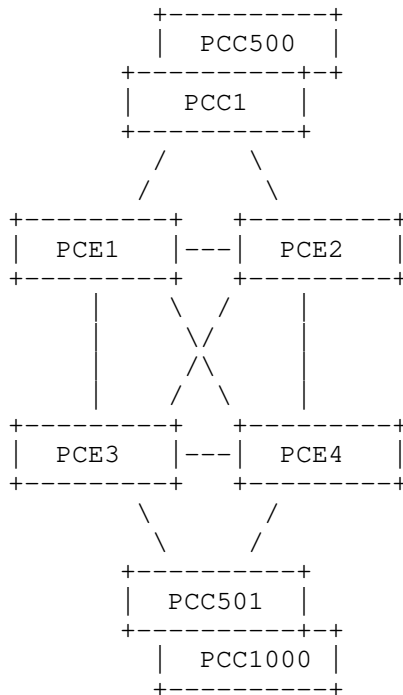
Suppose PCC1->PCC2 is configured first, PCC1 delegates the LSP to PCE1, but as PCE1 does not have the highest computation priority, it will sub-delegate the LSP to PCE2 (as it not aware of PCE3 and has no way to reach it). PCE2 cannot compute a path for PCC1->PCC2 as it does not have the highest priority and is not allowed to sub-delegate the LSP again towards PCE3 as per Section 3.

When PCC3->PCC4 is configured, PCC3 delegates the LSP to PCE2 that performs sub-delegation to PCE3. As PCE3 will have knowledge of only one LSP in the group, it cannot compute disjointness and can decide to fallback to a less constrained computation to provide a path for PCC3->PCC4. In this case, it will send a PCUpd to PCE2 that will be forwarded to PCC3.

Disjointness cannot be achieved in this scenario because of lack of state-sync session between PCE1 and PCE3, but no computation loop happens. Thus it is advised for all PCEs that support state-sync to have a full mesh sessions between each other.

5. Using Master/Slave computation and state-sync sessions to increase scaling

The Primary/Backup computation and state-sync sessions architecture can be used to increase the scaling of the PCE architecture. If the number of PCCs is really high, it may be too resource consuming for a single PCE to maintain all the PCEP sessions while at the same time performing all path computations. Using master/slave computation and state-sync sessions may allow to create groups of PCEs that manage a subset of the PCCs and perform some or no path computations. Decoupling PCEP session maintenance and computation will allow to increase scaling of the PCE architecture.



In the figure above, two groups of PCEs are created: PCE1/2 maintain PCEP sessions with PCC1 up to PCC500, while PCE3/4 maintain PCEP sessions with PCC501 up to PCC1000. A granular master/slave policy is set-up as follows to load-share computation between PCEs:

- o PCE1 has priority 200 for association ID 1 up to 300, association source 0.0.0.0. All other PCEs have a decreasing priority for those associations.
- o PCE3 has priority 200 for association ID 301 up to 500, association source 0.0.0.0. All other PCEs have a decreasing priority for those associations.

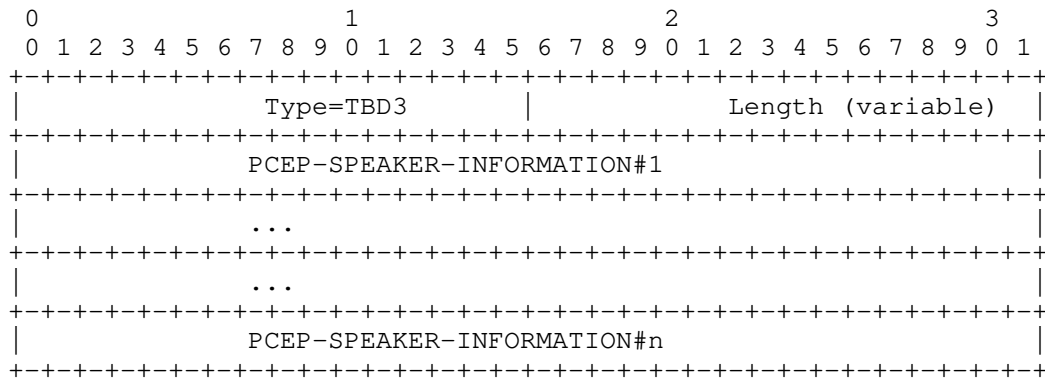
If some PCCs delegate LSPs with association ID 1 up to 300 and association source 0.0.0.0, the receiving PCE (if not PCE1) will sub-delegate the LSPs to PCE1. PCE1 becomes responsible for the computation of these LSP associations while PCE3 is responsible for the computation of another set of associations.

The procedures describe in this document could help greatly in load-sharing between a group of stateful PCEs.

6. PCEP-PATH-VECTOR-TLV

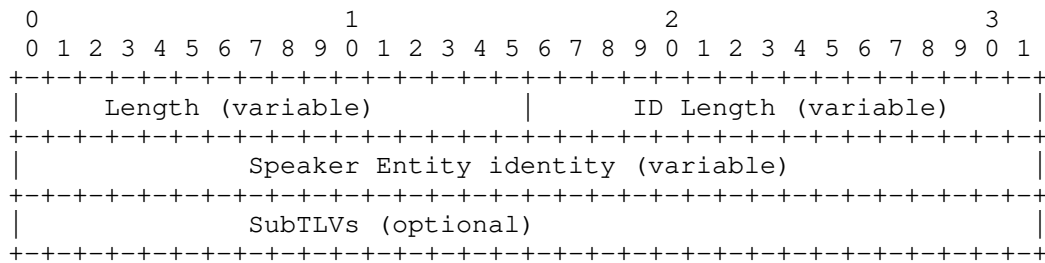
This document allows PCEP messages to be propagated among PCEP speaker. It may be useful to track informations about the propagation of the messages. One of the use case is a message loop detection mechanism, but other use cases like hop by hop information recording may also be implemented.

This document introduces the PCEP-PATH-VECTOR-TLV (type TBD3) with the following format:



The TLV format and padding rules are as per [RFC5440].

The PCEP-SPEAKER-INFORMATION field has the following format:



Length: defines the total length of the PCEP-SPEAKER-INFORMATION field.

ID Length: defines the length of the Speaker identity actual field (non-padded).

Speaker Entity identity: same possible values as the SPEAKER-IDENTIFIER-TLV. Padded with trailing zeroes to a 4-byte boundary.

The PCEP-SPEAKER-INFORMATION may also carry some optional subTLVs so each PCEP speaker can add local informations that could be recorded. This document does not define any subTLV.

The PCEP-PATH-VECTOR-TLV MAY be added in the LSP Object. Its usage is purely optional.

The list of speakers within the PCEP-PATH-VECTOR-TLV MUST be ordered. When sending a PCEP message (PCRpt, PCUpd or PCInitiate), a PCEP Speaker MAY add the PCEP-PATH-VECTOR-TLV with a PCEP-SPEAKER-INFORMATION containing its own informations. If the PCEP message sent is the result of a previously received PCEP message, and if the PCEP-PATH-VECTOR-TLV was already present in the initial message, the PCEP speaker MAY append a new PCEP-SPEAKER-INFORMATION containing its own informations.

7. Security Considerations

TBD.

8. Acknowledgements

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9. IANA Considerations

This document requests IANA actions to allocate code points for the protocol elements defined in this document.

9.1. PCEP-Error Object

IANA is requested to allocate a new Error Value for the Error Type 9.

Error-Type	Meaning	Reference
6	Mandatory Object Missing	[RFC5440]
Error-value=TBD1	SPEAKER-IDENTITY-TLV missing	This document

9.2. PCEP TLV Type Indicators

IANA is requested to allocate new TLV Type Indicator values within the "PCEP TLV Type Indicators" sub-registry of the PCEP Numbers registry, as follows:

Value	Meaning	Reference
TBD2	ORIGINAL-LSP-DB-VERSION-TLV	This document
TBD3	PCEP-PATH-VECTOR-TLV	This document

9.3. STATEFUL-PCE-CAPABILITY TLV

IANA is requested to allocate a new bit value in the STATEFUL-PCE-CAPABILITY TLV Flag Field sub-registry.

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Abstract

Point-to-point Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) and Generalized MPLS (GMPLS) Traffic Engineering Label Switched Paths (TE LSPs) may be established using signaling techniques, but their paths may first need to be determined. The Path Computation Element (PCE) has been identified as an appropriate technology for the determination of the paths of point-to-multipoint (P2MP) TE LSPs.

This document describes extensions to the PCE communication Protocol (PCEP) to handle requests and responses for the computation of paths for P2MP TE LSPs.

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1. Introduction

The Path Computation Element (PCE) defined in [RFC4655] is an entity that is capable of computing a network path or route based on a network graph, and applying computational constraints. A Path Computation Client (PCC) may make requests to a PCE for paths to be computed.

[RFC4875] describes how to set up point-to-multipoint (P2MP) Traffic Engineering Label Switched Paths (TE LSPs) for use in Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) and Generalized MPLS (GMPLS) networks.

The PCE has been identified as a suitable application for the computation of paths for P2MP TE LSPs [RFC5671].

The PCE communication Protocol (PCEP) is designed as a communication protocol between PCCs and PCEs for point-to-point (P2P) path computations and is defined in [RFC5440]. However, that specification does not provide a mechanism to request path computation of P2MP TE LSPs.

A P2MP LSP is comprised of multiple source-to-leaf (S2L) sub-LSPs. These S2L sub-LSPs are set up between ingress and egress Label Switching Routers (LSRs) and are appropriately overlaid to construct a P2MP TE LSP. During path computation, the P2MP TE LSP may be determined as a set of S2L sub-LSPs that are computed separately and combined to give the path of the P2MP LSP, or the entire P2MP TE LSP may be determined as a P2MP tree in a single computation.

This document relies on the mechanisms of PCEP to request path computation for P2MP TE LSPs. One path computation request message from a PCC may request the computation of the whole P2MP TE LSP, or the request may be limited to a sub-set of the S2L sub-LSPs. In the extreme case, the PCC may request the S2L sub-LSPs to be computed individually with it being the PCC's responsibility to decide whether to signal individual S2L sub-LSPs or combine the computation results to signal the entire P2MP TE LSP. Hence the PCC may use one path computation request message or may split the request across multiple path computation messages.

This document obsoletes RFC 6006 and incorporates all outstanding Errata:

- o Erratum with IDs: 3819, 3830, 3836, 4867, and 4868.

1.1. Terminology

Terminology used in this document:

TE LSP: Traffic Engineering Label Switched Path.

LSR: Label Switching Router.

OF: Objective Function: A set of one or more optimization criteria used for the computation of a single path (e.g., path cost minimization), or for the synchronized computation of a set of paths (e.g., aggregate bandwidth consumption minimization).

P2MP: Point-to-Multipoint.

P2P: Point-to-Point.

This document also uses the terminology defined in [RFC4655], [RFC4875], and [RFC5440].

1.2. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

2. PCC-PCE Communication Requirements

This section summarizes the PCC-PCE communication requirements for P2MP MPLS-TE LSPs described in [RFC5862]. The numbering system corresponds to the requirement numbers used in [RFC5862].

1. The PCC MUST be able to specify that the request is a P2MP path computation request.
2. The PCC MUST be able to specify that objective functions are to be applied to the P2MP path computation request.
3. The PCE MUST have the capability to reject a P2MP path request and indicate non-support of P2MP path computation.
4. The PCE MUST provide an indication of non-support of P2MP path computation by back-level PCE implementations.
5. A P2MP path computation request MUST be able to list multiple destinations.
6. A P2MP path computation response MUST be able to carry the path of a P2MP LSP.
7. By default, the path returned by the PCE SHOULD use the compressed format.
8. It MUST be possible for a single P2MP path computation request or response to be conveyed by a sequence of messages.
9. It MUST NOT be possible for a single P2MP path computation request to specify a set of different constraints, traffic parameters, or quality-of-service requirements for different destinations of a P2MP LSP.
10. P2MP path modification and P2MP path diversity MUST be supported.
11. It MUST be possible to reoptimize existing P2MP TE LSPs.
12. It MUST be possible to add and remove P2MP destinations from existing paths.

13. It MUST be possible to specify a list of applicable branch nodes to use when computing the P2MP path.
14. It MUST be possible for a PCC to discover P2MP path computation capability.
15. The PCC MUST be able to request diverse paths when requesting a P2MP path.

3. Protocol Procedures and Extensions

The following section describes the protocol extensions required to satisfy the requirements specified in Section 2 ("PCC-PCE Communication Requirements") of this document.

3.1. P2MP Capability Advertisement

3.1.1. P2MP Computation TLV in the Existing PCE Discovery Protocol

[RFC5088] defines a PCE Discovery (PCED) TLV carried in an OSPF Router Information Link State Advertisement (LSA) defined in [RFC7770] to facilitate PCE discovery using OSPF. [RFC5088] specifies that no new sub-TLVs may be added to the PCED TLV. This document defines a new flag in the OSPF PCE Capability Flags to indicate the capability of P2MP computation.

Similarly, [RFC5089] defines the PCED sub-TLV for use in PCE Discovery using IS-IS. This document will use the same flag requested for the OSPF PCE Capability Flags sub-TLV to allow IS-IS to indicate the capability of P2MP computation.

The IANA assignment for a shared OSPF and IS-IS P2MP Capability Flag is documented in Section 6.9 ("OSPF PCE Capability Flag") of this document.

PCEs wishing to advertise that they support P2MP path computation would set the bit (10) accordingly. PCCs that do not understand this bit will ignore it (per [RFC5088] and [RFC5089]). PCEs that do not support P2MP will leave the bit clear (per the default behavior defined in [RFC5088] and [RFC5089]).

PCEs that set the bit to indicate support of P2MP path computation MUST follow the procedures in Section 3.3.2 ("The New P2MP END-POINTS Object") to further qualify the level of support.

3.1.2. Open Message Extension

Based on the Capabilities Exchange requirement described in [RFC5862], if a PCE does not advertise its P2MP capability during discovery, PCEP should be used to allow a PCC to discover, during the Open Message Exchange, which PCEs are capable of supporting P2MP path computation.

To satisfy this requirement, we extend the PCEP OPEN object by defining a new optional TLV to indicate the PCE's capability to perform P2MP path computations.

IANA has allocated value 6 from the "PCEP TLV Type Indicators" sub-registry, as documented in Section 6.1 ("PCEP TLV Type Indicators"). The description is "P2MP capable", and the length value is 2 bytes. The value field is set to default value 0.

The inclusion of this TLV in an OPEN object indicates that the sender can perform P2MP path computations.

The capability TLV is meaningful only for a PCE, so it will typically appear only in one of the two Open messages during PCE session establishment. However, in case of PCE cooperation (e.g., inter-domain), when a PCE behaving as a PCC initiates a PCE session it SHOULD also indicate its path computation capabilities.

3.2. Efficient Presentation of P2MP LSPs

When specifying additional leaves, or optimizing existing P2MP TE LSPs as specified in [RFC5862], it may be necessary to pass existing P2MP LSP route information between the PCC and PCE in the request and reply messages. In each of these scenarios, we need new path objects for efficiently passing the existing P2MP LSP between the PCE and PCC.

We specify the use of the Resource Reservation Protocol Traffic Engineering (RSVP-TE) extensions Explicit Route Object (ERO) to encode the explicit route of a TE LSP through the network. PCEP ERO sub-object types correspond to RSVP-TE ERO sub-object types. The format and content of the ERO object are defined in [RFC3209] and [RFC3473].

The Secondary Explicit Route Object (SERO) is used to specify the explicit route of a S2L sub-LSP. The path of each subsequent S2L sub-LSP is encoded in a P2MP_SECONDARY_EXPLICIT_ROUTE object SERO. The format of the SERO is the same as an ERO defined in [RFC3209] and [RFC3473].

The Secondary Record Route Object (SRRO) is used to record the explicit route of the S2L sub-LSP. The class of the P2MP SRRO is the same as the SRRO defined in [RFC4873].

The SERO and SRRO are used to report the route of an existing TE LSP for which a reoptimization is desired. The format and content of the SERO and SRRO are defined in [RFC4875].

A new PCEP object class and type are requested for SERO and SRRO.

Object-Class Value	29
Name	SERO
Object-Type	1: SERO 2-15: Unassigned
Reference	RFC 6006

Object-Class Value	30
Name	SRRO
Object-Type	1: SRRO 2-15: Unassigned
Reference	RFC 6006

The IANA assignment is documented in Section 6.5 ("PCEP Objects").

Since the explicit path is available for immediate signaling by the MPLS or GMPLS control plane, the meanings of all of the sub-objects and fields in this object are identical to those defined for the ERO.

3.3. P2MP Path Computation Request/Reply Message Extensions

This document extends the existing P2P RP (Request Parameters) object so that a PCC can signal a P2MP path computation request to the PCE receiving the PCEP request. The END-POINTS object is also extended to improve the efficiency of the message exchange between PCC and PCE in the case of P2MP path computation.

3.3.1. The Extension of the RP Object

The PCE path computation request and reply messages will need the following additional parameters to indicate to the receiving PCE that the request and reply messages have been fragmented across multiple messages, that they have been requested for a P2MP path, and whether the route is represented in the compressed or uncompressed format.

This document adds the following flags to the RP Object:

The F-bit is added to the flag bits of the RP object to indicate to the receiver that the request is part of a fragmented request, or is not a fragmented request.

o F (RP fragmentation bit - 1 bit):

0: This indicates that the RP is not fragmented or it is the last piece of the fragmented RP.

1: This indicates that the RP is fragmented and this is not the last piece of the fragmented RP. The receiver needs to wait for additional fragments until it receives an RP with the same RP-ID and with the F-bit set to 0.

The N-bit is added in the flag bits field of the RP object to signal the receiver of the message that the request/reply is for P2MP or is not for P2MP.

o N (P2MP bit - 1 bit):

0: This indicates that this is not a PCReq or PCRep message for P2MP.

1: This indicates that this is a PCReq or PCRep message for P2MP.

The E-bit is added in the flag bits field of the RP object to signal the receiver of the message that the route is in the compressed format or is not in the compressed format. By default, the path returned by the PCE SHOULD use the compressed format.

o E (ERO-compression bit - 1 bit):

0: This indicates that the route is not in the compressed format.

1: This indicates that the route is in the compressed format.

The IANA assignment is documented in Section 6.2 ("Request Parameter Bit Flags") of this document.

3.3.2. The New P2MP END-POINTS Object

The END-POINTS object is used in a PCReq message to specify the source IP address and the destination IP address of the path for which a path computation is requested. To represent the end points for a P2MP path efficiently, we define two new types of END-POINTS objects for the P2MP path:

- o Old leaves whose path can be modified/reoptimized;
- o Old leaves whose path must be left unchanged.

With the new END-POINTS object, the PCE path computation request message is expanded in a way that allows a single request message to list multiple destinations.

In total, there are now 4 possible types of leaves in a P2MP request:

- o New leaves to add (leaf type = 1)
- o Old leaves to remove (leaf type = 2)
- o Old leaves whose path can be modified/reoptimized (leaf type = 3)
- o Old leaves whose path must be left unchanged (leaf type = 4)

A given END-POINTS object gathers the leaves of a given type. The type of leaf in a given END-POINTS object is identified by the END-POINTS object leaf type field.

Using the new END-POINTS object, the END-POINTS portion of a request message for the multiple destinations can be reduced by up to 50% for a P2MP path where a single source address has a very large number of destinations.

Note that a P2MP path computation request can mix the different types of leaves by including several END-POINTS objects per RP object as shown in the PCReq Routing Backus-Naur Form (RBNF) [RFC5511] format in Section 3.4 ("Request Message Format").

The format of the new END-POINTS object body for IPv4 (Object-Type 3) is as follows:

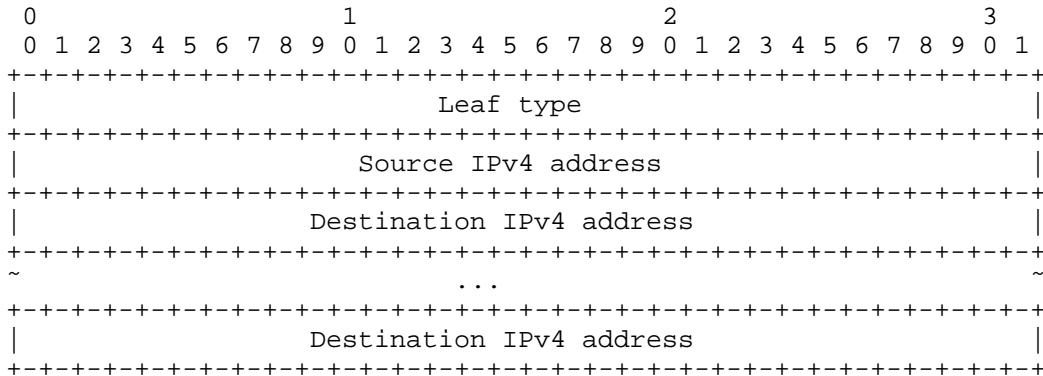


Figure 1. The New P2MP END-POINTS Object Body Format for IPv4

The format of the END-POINTS object body for IPv6 (Object-Type 4) is as follows:

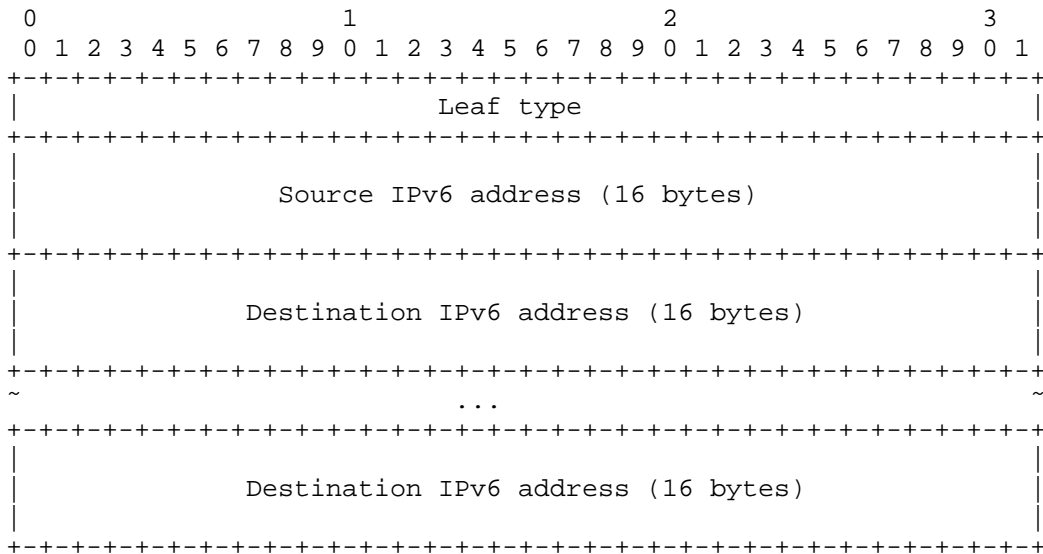


Figure 2. The New P2MP END-POINTS Object Body Format for IPv6

The END-POINTS object body has a variable length. These are multiples of 4 bytes for IPv4, and multiples of 16 bytes, plus 4 bytes, for IPv6.

3.4. Request Message Format

As per [RFC5440], a Path Computation Request message (also referred to as a PCReq message) is a PCEP message sent by a PCC to a PCE to request a path computation. A PCReq message may carry more than one path computation request.

As per [RFC5541], the OF object MAY be carried within a PCReq message. If an objective function is to be applied to a set of synchronized path computation requests, the OF object MUST be carried just after the corresponding SVEC (Synchronization VECTOR) object and MUST NOT be repeated for each elementary request.

The PCReq message is encoded as follows using RBNF as defined in [RFC5511].

Below is the message format for the request message:

```
<PCReq Message> ::= <Common Header>
                    [<svec-list>]
                    <request-list>
```

where:

```
<svec-list> ::= <SVEC>
                [<OF>]
                [<metric-list>]
                [<svec-list>]

<request-list> ::= <request> [<request-list>]

<request> ::= <RP>
              <end-point-rro-pair-list>
              [<OF>]
              [<LSPA>]
              [<BANDWIDTH>]
              [<metric-list>]
              [<IRO> | <BNC>]
              [<LOAD-BALANCING>]
```

where:

```
<end-point-rro-pair-list> ::=
    <END-POINTS> [<RRO-List> [<BANDWIDTH>]]
    [<end-point-rro-pair-list>]
```



```
<RRO-List>::=(<RRO>|<SRRO>)[<RRO-List>]  
<metric-list>::=<METRIC>[<metric-list>]
```

Figure 3. The Message Format for the Request Message

Note that we preserve compatibility with the [RFC5440] definition of <request>. At least one instance of <endpoints> MUST be present in this message.

We have documented the IANA assignment of additional END-POINTS Object-Types in Section 6.5 ("PCEP Objects") of this document.

3.5. Reply Message Format

The PCEP Path Computation Reply message (also referred to as a PCRep message) is a PCEP message sent by a PCE to a requesting PCC in response to a previously received PCReq message. PCEP supports the bundling of multiple replies to a set of path computation requests within a single PCRep message.

The PCRep message is encoded as follows using RBNF as defined in [RFC5511].

Below is the message format for the reply message:

```

<PCRep Message> ::= <Common Header>
                    <response-list>

where:

    <response-list> ::= <response> [ <response-list> ]

    <response> ::= <RP>
                  [ <end-point-path-pair-list> ]
                  [ <NO-PATH> ]
                  [ <UNREACH-DESTINATION> ]
                  [ <attribute-list> ]

    <end-point-path-pair-list> ::=
        [ <END-POINTS> ] <path>
        [ <end-point-path-pair-list> ]

    <path> ::= ( <ERO> | <SERO> ) [ <path> ]

where:

    <attribute-list> ::= [ <OF> ]
                        [ <LSPA> ]
                        [ <BANDWIDTH> ]
                        [ <metric-list> ]
                        [ <IRO> ]

```

Figure 4. The Message Format for the Reply Message

The optional END-POINTS object in the reply message is used to specify which paths are removed, changed, not changed, or added for the request. The path is only needed for the end points that are added or changed.

If the E-bit (ERO-Compress bit) was set to 1 in the request, then the path will be formed by an ERO followed by a list of SEROs.

Note that we preserve compatibility with the [RFC5440] definition of <response> and the optional <end-point-path-pair-list> and <path>.

3.6. P2MP Objective Functions and Metric Types

3.6.1. New Objective Functions

Six objective functions have been defined in [RFC5541] for P2P path

computation.

This document defines two additional objective functions -- namely, SPT (Shortest Path Tree) and MCT (Minimum Cost Tree) that apply to P2MP path computation. Hence two new objective function codes have to be defined.

The description of the two new objective functions is as follows.
Objective Function Code: 7

Name: Shortest Path Tree (SPT)

Description: Minimize the maximum source-to-leaf cost with respect to a specific metric or to the TE metric used as the default metric when the metric is not specified (e.g., TE or IGP metric).

Objective Function Code: 8

Name: Minimum Cost Tree (MCT)

Description: Minimize the total cost of the tree, that is the sum of the costs of tree links, with respect to a specific metric or to the TE metric used as the default metric when the metric is not specified.

Processing these two new objective functions is subject to the rules defined in [RFC5541].

3.6.2. New Metric Object Types

There are three types defined for the <METRIC> object in [RFC5440] -- namely, the IGP metric, the TE metric, and the hop count metric. This document defines three additional types for the <METRIC> object: the P2MP IGP metric, the P2MP TE metric, and the P2MP hop count metric. They encode the sum of the metrics of all links of the tree. We propose the following values for these new metric types:

- o P2MP IGP metric: T=8
- o P2MP TE metric: T=9
- o P2MP hop count metric: T=10

3.7. Non-Support of P2MP Path Computation

- o If a PCE receives a P2MP path request and it understands the P2MP flag in the RP object, but the PCE is not capable of P2MP computation, the PCE MUST send a PCErr message with a PCEP-ERROR

object and corresponding Error-Value. The request MUST then be cancelled at the PCC. New Error-Types and Error-Values are requested in Section 6 ("IANA Considerations") of this document.

- o If the PCE does not understand the P2MP flag in the RP object, then the PCE MUST send a PCErr message with Error-value=2 (capability not supported).

3.8. Non-Support by Back-Level PCE Implementations

If a PCE receives a P2MP request and the PCE does not understand the P2MP flag in the RP object, and therefore the PCEP P2MP extensions, then the PCE SHOULD reject the request.

3.9. P2MP TE Path Reoptimization Request

A reoptimization request for a P2MP TE path is specified by the use of the R-bit within the RP object as defined in [RFC5440] and is similar to the reoptimization request for a P2P TE path. The only difference is that the user MUST insert the list of RROs and SRROs after each type of END-POINTS in the PCReq message, as described in the "Request Message Format" section (Section 3.4) of this document.

An example of a reoptimization request and subsequent PCReq message is described below:

```

Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 3
  RRO list
OF (optional)

```

Figure 5. PCReq Message Example 1 for Optimization

In this example, we request reoptimization of the path to all leaves without adding or pruning leaves. The reoptimization request would use an END-POINT type 3. The RRO list would represent the P2MP LSP before the optimization, and the modifiable path leaves would be indicated in the END-POINTS object.

It is also possible to specify distinct leaves whose path cannot be modified. An example of the PCReq message in this scenario would be:

```

Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 3
  RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 4
  RRO list
OF (optional)

```

Figure 6. PCReq Message Example 2 for Optimization

3.10. Adding and Pruning Leaves to/from the P2MP Tree

When adding new leaves to or removing old leaves from the existing P2MP tree, by supplying a list of existing leaves, it SHOULD be possible to optimize the existing P2MP tree. This section explains the methods for adding new leaves to or removing old leaves from the existing P2MP tree.

To add new leaves, the user MUST build a P2MP request using END-POINTS with leaf type 1.

To remove old leaves, the user must build a P2MP request using END-POINTS with leaf type 2. If no type-2 END-POINTS exist, then the PCE MUST send an error type 17, value=1: The PCE is not capable of satisfying the request due to no END-POINTS with leaf type 2.

When adding new leaves to or removing old leaves from the existing P2MP tree, the PCC must also provide the list of old leaves, if any, including END-POINTS with leaf type 3, leaf type 4, or both. New PCEP-ERROR objects and types are necessary for reporting when certain conditions are not satisfied (i.e., when there are no END-POINTS with leaf type 3 or 4, or in the presence of END-POINTS with leaf type 1 or 2). A generic "Inconsistent END-POINT" error will be used if a PCC receives a request that has an inconsistent END-POINT (i.e., if a leaf specified as type 1 already exists). These IANA assignments are documented in Section 6.6 ("PCEP-ERROR Objects and Types") of this document.

For old leaves, the user MUST provide the old path as a list of RROs that immediately follows each END-POINTS object. This document specifies error values when specific conditions are not satisfied.

The following examples demonstrate full and partial reoptimization of existing P2MP LSPs:

Case 1: Adding leaves with full reoptimization of existing paths

```
Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 1
  RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 3
  RRO list
OF (optional)
```

Case 2: Adding leaves with partial reoptimization of existing paths

Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 1
END-POINTS for leaf type 3
RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 4
RRO list
OF (optional)

Case 3: Adding leaves without reoptimization of existing paths

Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 1
RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 4
RRO list
OF (optional)

Case 4: Pruning Leaves with full reoptimization of existing paths

Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 2
RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 3
RRO list
OF (optional)

Case 5: Pruning leaves with partial reoptimization of existing paths

Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 2
RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 3
RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 4
RRO list
OF (optional)

Case 6: Pruning leaves without reoptimization of existing paths

Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 2
RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 4
RRO list
OF (optional)

Case 7: Adding and pruning leaves with full reoptimization of existing paths

Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 1
END-POINTS for leaf type 2
RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 3
RRO list
OF (optional)

Case 8: Adding and pruning leaves with partial reoptimization of existing paths

Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 1
END-POINTS for leaf type 2
RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 3
RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 4
RRO list
OF (optional)

Case 9: Adding and pruning leaves without reoptimization of existing paths

Common Header
RP with P2MP flag/R-bit set
END-POINTS for leaf type 1
END-POINTS for leaf type 2
RRO list
END-POINTS for leaf type 4
RRO list
OF (optional)

3.11. Discovering Branch Nodes

Before computing the P2MP path, a PCE may need to be provided means to know which nodes in the network are capable of acting as branch LSRs. A PCE can discover such capabilities by using the mechanisms defined in [RFC5073].

3.11.1. Branch Node Object

The PCC can specify a list of nodes that can be used as branch nodes or a list of nodes that cannot be used as branch nodes by using the Branch Node Capability (BNC) Object. The BNC Object has the same format as the Include Route Object (IRO) defined in [RFC5440], except that it only supports IPv4 and IPv6 prefix sub-objects. Two Object-types are also defined:

- o Branch node list: List of nodes that can be used as branch nodes.
- o Non-branch node list: List of nodes that cannot be used as branch nodes.

The object can only be carried in a PCReq message. A Path Request may carry at most one Branch Node Object.

The Object-Class and Object-types have been allocated by IANA. The IANA assignment is documented in Section 6.5 ("PCEP Objects").

3.12. Synchronization of P2MP TE Path Computation Requests

There are cases when multiple P2MP LSPs' computations need to be synchronized. For example, one P2MP LSP is the designated backup of another P2MP LSP. In this case, path diversity for these dependent LSPs may need to be considered during the path computation.

The synchronization can be done by using the existing Synchronization VECTOR (SVEC) functionality defined in [RFC5440].

An example of synchronizing two P2MP LSPs, each having two leaves for Path Computation Request Messages, is illustrated below:

```
Common Header
SVEC for sync of LSP1 and LSP2
OF (optional)
RP for LSP1
  END-POINTS1 for LSP1
  RRO1 list
RP for LSP2
  END-POINTS2 for LSP2
  RRO2 list
```

Figure 7. PCReq Message Example for Synchronization

This specification also defines two new flags to the SVEC Object Flag Field for P2MP path dependent computation requests. The first new flag is to allow the PCC to request that the PCE should compute a secondary P2MP path tree with partial path diversity for specific leaves or a specific S2L sub-path to the primary P2MP path tree. The second flag, would allow the PCC to request that partial paths should be link direction diverse.

The following flags are added to the SVEC object body in this document:

- o P (Partial Path Diverse bit - 1 bit):

When set, this would indicate a request for path diversity for a specific leaf, a set of leaves, or all leaves.

- o D (Link Direction Diverse bit - 1 bit):

When set, this would indicate a request that a partial path or paths should be link direction diverse.

The IANA assignment is referenced in Section 6.8 of this document.

3.13. Request and Response Fragmentation

The total PCEP message length, including the common header, is 16 bytes. In certain scenarios the P2MP computation request may not fit into a single request or response message. For example, if a tree has many hundreds or thousands of leaves, then the request or response may need to be fragmented into multiple messages.

The F-bit has been outlined in "The Extension of the RP Object" (Section 3.3.1) of this document. The F-bit is used in the RP object to signal that the initial request or response was too large to fit into a single message and will be fragmented into multiple messages. In order to identify the single request or response, each message will use the same request ID.

3.13.1. Request Fragmentation Procedure

If the initial request is too large to fit into a single request message, the PCC will split the request over multiple messages. Each message sent to the PCE, except the last one, will have the F-bit set in the RP object to signify that the request has been fragmented into multiple messages. In order to identify that a series of request messages represents a single request, each message will use the same request ID.

The assumption is that request messages are reliably delivered and in sequence, since PCEP relies on TCP.

3.13.2. Response Fragmentation Procedure

Once the PCE computes a path based on the initial request, a response is sent back to the PCC. If the response is too large to fit into a single response message, the PCE will split the response over multiple messages. Each message sent by the PCE, except the last one, will have the F-bit set in the RP object to signify that the response has been fragmented into multiple messages. In order to identify that a series of response messages represents a single response, each message will use the same response ID.

Again, the assumption is that response messages are reliably delivered and in sequence, since PCEP relies on TCP.

3.13.3. Fragmentation Examples

The following example illustrates the PCC sending a request message with Req-ID1 to the PCE, in order to add one leaf to an existing tree with 1200 leaves. The assumption used for this example is that one request message can hold up to 800 leaves. In this scenario, the original single message needs to be fragmented and sent using two smaller messages, which have the Req-ID1 specified in the RP object, and with the F-bit set on the first message, and cleared on the second message.

```

Common Header
RP1 with Req-ID1 and P2MP=1 and F-bit=1
OF (optional)
END-POINTS1 for P2MP
  RRO1 list

Common Header
RP2 with Req-ID1 and P2MP=1 and F-bit=0
OF (optional)
END-POINTS1 for P2MP
  RRO1 list

```

Figure 8. PCReq Message Fragmentation Example

To handle a scenario where the last fragmented message piece is lost, the receiver side of the fragmented message may start a timer once it receives the first piece of the fragmented message. When the timer expires and it has not received the last piece of the fragmented message, it should send an error message to the sender to signal that it has received an incomplete message. The relevant error message is documented in Section 3.15 ("P2MP PCEP-ERROR Objects and Types").

3.14. UNREACH-DESTINATION Object

The PCE path computation request may fail because all or a subset of the destinations are unreachable.

In such a case, the UNREACH-DESTINATION object allows the PCE to optionally specify the list of unreachable destinations.

This object can be present in PCRep messages. There can be up to one such object per RP.

The following UNREACH-DESTINATION objects will be required:

```

UNREACH-DESTINATION Object-Class is 28.
UNREACH-DESTINATION Object-Type for IPv4 is 1.
UNREACH-DESTINATION Object-Type for IPv6 is 2.

```

The format of the UNREACH-DESTINATION object body for IPv4 (Object-Type=1) is as follows:

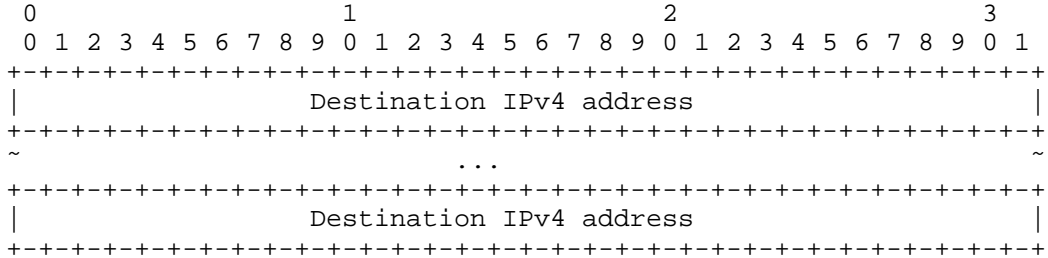


Figure 9. UNREACH-DESTINATION Object Body for IPv4

The format of the UNREACH-DESTINATION object body for IPv6 (Object-Type=2) is as follows:

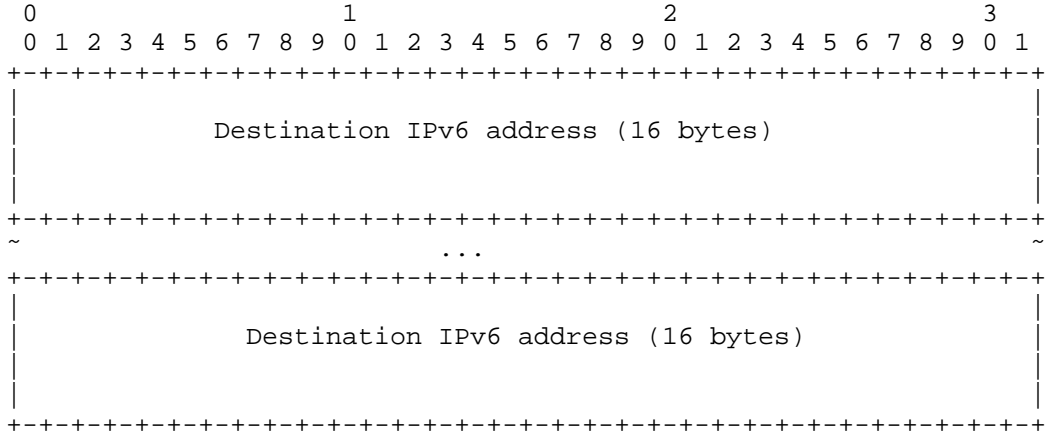


Figure 10. UNREACH-DESTINATION Object Body for IPv6

3.15. P2MP PCEP-ERROR Objects and Types

To indicate an error associated with policy violation, a new error value "P2MP Path computation not allowed" should be added to the existing error code for policy violation (Error-Type=5) as defined in [RFC5440]:

Error-Type=5; Error-Value=7: if a PCE receives a P2MP path computation request that is not compliant with administrative privileges (i.e., "The PCE policy does not support P2MP path computation"), the PCE MUST send a PCErr message with a PCEP-ERROR object (Error-Type=5) and an Error-Value (Error-Value=7). The corresponding P2MP path computation request MUST also be cancelled.

To indicate capability errors associated with the P2MP path request, a new Error-Type (16) and subsequent error-values are defined as follows for inclusion in the PCEP-ERROR object:

Error-Type=16; Error-Value=1: if a PCE receives a P2MP path request and the PCE is not capable of satisfying the request due to insufficient memory, the PCE MUST send a PCErr message with a PCEP-ERROR object (Error-Type=16) and an Error-Value (Error-Value=1). The corresponding P2MP path computation request MUST also be cancelled.

Error-Type=16; Error-Value=2: if a PCE receives a P2MP path request and the PCE is not capable of P2MP computation, the PCE MUST send a PCErr message with a PCEP-ERROR object (Error-Type=16) and an Error-Value (Error-Value=2). The corresponding P2MP path computation request MUST also be cancelled.

To indicate P2MP message fragmentation errors associated with a P2MP path request, a new Error-Type (18) and subsequent error-values are defined as follows for inclusion in the PCEP-ERROR object:

Error-Type=18; Error-Value=1: if a PCE has not received the last piece of the fragmented message, it should send an error message to the sender to signal that it has received an incomplete message (i.e., "Fragmented request failure"). The PCE MUST send a PCErr message with a PCEP-ERROR object (Error-Type=18) and an Error-Value (Error-Value=1).

3.16. PCEP NO-PATH Indicator

To communicate the reasons for not being able to find P2MP path computation, the NO-PATH object can be used in the PCRep message.

One new bit is defined in the NO-PATH-VECTOR TLV carried in the NO-PATH Object:

bit 24: when set, the PCE indicates that there is a reachability problem with all or a subset of the P2MP destinations. Optionally, the PCE can specify the destination or list of destinations that are not reachable using the new UNREACH-DESTINATION object defined in Section 3.14.

4. Manageability Considerations

[RFC5862] describes various manageability requirements in support of P2MP path computation when applying PCEP. This section describes how manageability requirements mentioned in [RFC5862] are supported in the context of PCEP extensions specified in this document.

Note that [RFC5440] describes various manageability considerations in PCEP, and most of the manageability requirements mentioned in [RFC5862] are already covered there.

4.1. Control of Function and Policy

In addition to PCE configuration parameters listed in [RFC5440], the following additional parameters might be required:

- o The ability to enable or disable P2MP path computations on the PCE.
- o The PCE may be configured to enable or disable the advertisement of its P2MP path computation capability. A PCE can advertise its P2MP capability via the IGP discovery mechanism discussed in Section 3.1.1 ("P2MP Computation TLV in the Existing PCE Discovery Protocol"), or during the Open Message Exchange discussed in Section 3.1.2 ("Open Message Extension").

4.2. Information and Data Models

A number of MIB objects have been defined for general PCEP control and monitoring of P2P computations in [RFC7420]. [RFC5862] specifies that MIB objects will be required to support the control and monitoring of the protocol extensions defined in this document. A new document will be required to define MIB objects for PCEP control and monitoring of P2MP computations.

4.3. Liveness Detection and Monitoring

There are no additional considerations beyond those expressed in [RFC5440], since [RFC5862] does not address any additional requirements.

4.4. Verifying Correct Operation

There are no additional requirements beyond those expressed in [RFC4657] for verifying the correct operation of the PCEP sessions. It is expected that future MIB objects will facilitate verification of correct operation and reporting of P2MP PCEP requests, responses, and errors.

4.5. Requirements for Other Protocols and Functional Components

The method for the PCE to obtain information about a PCE capable of P2MP path computations via OSPF and IS-IS is discussed in Section 3.1.1 ("P2MP Computation TLV in the Existing PCE Discovery Protocol") of this document.

The subsequent IANA assignments are documented in Section 6.9 ("OSPF PCE Capability Flag") of this document.

4.6. Impact on Network Operation

It is expected that the use of PCEP extensions specified in this document will not significantly increase the level of operational traffic. However, computing a P2MP tree may require more PCE state compared to a P2P computation. In the event of a major network failure and multiple recovery P2MP tree computation requests being sent to the PCE, the load on the PCE may also be significantly increased.

5. Security Considerations

As described in [RFC5862], P2MP path computation requests are more CPU-intensive and also utilize more link bandwidth. In the event of an unauthorized P2MP path computation request, or a denial of service attack, the subsequent PCEP requests and processing may be disruptive to the network. Consequently, it is important that implementations conform to the relevant security requirements of [RFC5440] that specifically help to minimize or negate unauthorized P2MP path computation requests and denial of service attacks. These mechanisms include:

- o Securing the PCEP session requests and responses using TCP security techniques (Section 10.2 of [RFC5440]).
- o Authenticating the PCEP requests and responses to ensure the message is intact and sent from an authorized node (Section 10.3 of [RFC5440]).
- o Providing policy control by explicitly defining which PCCs, via IP access-lists, are allowed to send P2MP path requests to the PCE (Section 10.6 of [RFC5440]).

PCEP operates over TCP, so it is also important to secure the PCE and PCC against TCP denial of service attacks. Section 10.7.1 of [RFC5440] outlines a number of mechanisms for minimizing the risk of TCP based denial of service attacks against PCEs and PCCs.

PCEP implementations SHOULD consider the additional security provided by the TCP Authentication Option (TCP-AO) [RFC5925].

6. IANA Considerations

IANA maintains a registry of PCEP parameters. A number of IANA considerations have been highlighted in previous sections of this document. IANA made the allocations as per [RFC6006].

6.1. PCEP TLV Type Indicators

As described in Section 3.1.2., the P2MP capability TLV allows the PCE to advertise its P2MP path computation capability.

IANA had made an allocation from the "PCEP TLV Type Indicators" subregistry, where RFC 6006 was the reference. IANA is requested to update the reference as follows to point to this document.

Value	Description	Reference
6	P2MP capable	[This I-D]

6.2. Request Parameter Bit Flags

As described in Section 3.3.1, three RP Object Flags have been defined.

IANA has made an allocations from the PCEP "RP Object Flag Field" sub-registry, where RFC 6006 was the reference. IANA is requested to update the reference as follows to point to this document.

Bit	Description	Reference
18	Fragmentation (F-bit)	[This I-D]
19	P2MP (N-bit)	[This I-D]
20	ERO-compression (E-bit)	[This I-D]

6.3. Objective Functions

As described in Section 3.6.1, two Objective Functions have been defined.

IANA has made an allocations from the PCEP "Objective Function" sub-registry, where RFC 6006 was the reference. IANA is requested to update the reference as follows to point to this document.

Code Point	Name	Reference
7	SPT	[This I-D]
8	MCT	[This I-D]

6.4. Metric Object Types

As described in Section 3.6.2, three metric object T fields have been defined.

IANA has made an allocations from the PCEP "METRIC Object T Field" sub-registry, where RFC 6006 was the reference. IANA is requested to update the reference as follows to point to this document.

Value	Description	Reference
8	P2MP IGP metric	[This I-D]
9	P2MP TE metric	[This I-D]
10	P2MP hop count metric	[This I-D]

6.5. PCEP Objects

As discussed in Section 3.3.2, two END-POINTS Object-Types are defined.

IANA has made the Object-Type allocations from the "PCEP Objects" sub-registry, where RFC 6006 was the reference. IANA is requested to update the reference as follows to point to this document.

Object-Class Value	4
Name	END-POINTS
Object-Type	3: IPv4 4: IPv6 5-15: Unassigned
Reference	[This I-D]

As described in Section 3.2, Section 3.11.1, and Section 3.14, four PCEP Object-Classes and six PCEP Object-Types have been defined.

IANA has made an allocations from the "PCEP Objects" sub- registry, where RFC 6006 was the reference. IANA is requested to update the reference as follows to point to this document.

Object-Class Value	28
Name	UNREACH-DESTINATION
Object-Type	0: Reserved 1: IPv4

Reference	2: IPv6 3-15: Unassigned [This I-D]
Object-Class Value	29
Name	SERO
Object-Type	0: Reserved 1: SERO 2-15: Unassigned [This I-D]
Reference	[This I-D]
Object-Class Value	30
Name	SRRO
Object-Type	0: Reserved 1: SRRO 2-15: Unassigned [This I-D]
Reference	[This I-D]
Object-Class Value	31
Name	Branch Node Capability Object
Object-Type	0: Reserved 1: Branch node list 2: Non-branch node list 3-15: Unassigned [This I-D]
Reference	[This I-D]

6.6. PCEP-ERROR Objects and Types

As described in Section 3.15, number of PCEP-ERROR Object Error Types and Values have been defined.

IANA has made an allocations from the PCEP "PCEP-ERROR Object Error Types and Values" sub-registry, where RFC 6006 was the reference. IANA is requested to update the reference as follows to point to this document.

Error Type	Meaning	Reference
5	Policy violation Error-value=7: P2MP Path computation is not allowed	[This I-D]
16	P2MP Capability Error Error-Value=0: Unassigned Error-Value=1: The PCE is not capable to satisfy the request due to insufficient memory	[This I-D] [This I-D]

- Error-Value=2: [This I-D]
The PCE is not capable of P2MP computation
- 17 P2MP END-POINTS Error
- Error-Value=0: Unassigned [This I-D]
Error-Value=1: [This I-D]
The PCE is not capable to satisfy the request
due to no END-POINTS with leaf type 2
- Error-Value=2: [This I-D]
The PCE is not capable to satisfy the request
due to no END-POINTS with leaf type 3
- Error-Value=3: [This I-D]
The PCE is not capable to satisfy the request
due to no END-POINTS with leaf type 4
- Error-Value=4: [This I-D]
The PCE is not capable to satisfy the request
due to inconsistent END-POINTS
- 18 P2MP Fragmentation Error
- Error-Value=0: Unassigned [This I-D]
Error-Value=1: [This I-D]
Fragmented request failure

6.7. PCEP NO-PATH Indicator

As discussed in Section 3.16, NO-PATH-VECTOR TLV Flag Field has been defined.

IANA has made an allocation from the PCEP "NO-PATH-VECTOR TLV Flag Field" sub-registry, where RFC 6006 was the reference. IANA is requested to update the reference as follows to point to this document.

Bit	Description	Reference
24	P2MP Reachability Problem	[This I-D]

6.8. SVEC Object Flag

As discussed in Section 3.12, two SVEC Object Flags are defined.

IANA has made an allocation from the PCEP "SVEC Object Flag Field" sub-registry, where RFC 6006 was the reference. IANA is requested to update the reference as follows to point to this document.

Bit	Description	Reference
19	Partial Path Diverse	[This I-D]

20 Link Direction Diverse [This I-D]

6.9. OSPF PCE Capability Flag

As discussed in Section 3.1.1, OSPF Capability Flag is defined to indicate P2MP path computation capability.

IANA has made an assignment from the OSPF Parameters "Path Computation Element (PCE) Capability Flags" registry, where RFC 6006 was the reference. IANA is requested to update the reference as follows to point to this document.

Bit	Description	Reference
10	P2MP path computation	[This I-D]

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Appendix A. Summary of the RBNF Changes from RFC 6006

- o Update to RBNF for Request message format:
 - * Update to the request message to allow for the bundling of multiple path computation requests within a single Path Computation Request (PCReq) message.
 - * Addition of <svec-list> in PCReq message. This object was missed in [RFC6006].
 - * Addition of BNC object in PCReq message. This object is required to support P2MP. It shares the same format as Include Route Object (IRO) but it is a different object.
 - * Update to the <RRO-List> format, to also allow Secondary Record Route object (SRRO). This object was missed in [RFC6006].
 - * Removed the BANDWIDTH Object followed by Record Route Object (RRO) from <RRO-List>. As BANDWIDTH object doesn't need to follow for each RRO in the <RRO-List>, there already exist BANDWIDTH object follow <RRO-List> and is backward compatible with [RFC5440].
 - * Update to the <end-point-rrp-pair-list>, to allow optional BANDWIDTH object only if <RRO-List> is included.
- o Update the RBNF for Reply message format:
 - * Update to the reply message to allow for bundling of multiple path computation requests within a single Path Computation Reply (PCRep) message.
 - * Addition of the UNREACH-DESTINATION in PCRep message. This object was missed in [RFC6006].

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Abstract

The stateful Path Computation Element (PCE) communication Protocol (PCEP) extensions provide stateful control of Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) Traffic Engineering Label Switched Paths (TE LSP) via PCEP, for a model where a Path Computation Client (PCC) delegates control over one or more locally configured LSPs to a stateful PCE. There are use-cases in which a stateful PCE may wish to request and obtain control of one or more LSPs from a PCC. This document describes a simple extension to stateful PCEP to achieve such an objective.

Requirements Language

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1. Introduction

Stateful PCEP extensions [RFC8231] specifies a set of extensions to PCEP [RFC5440] to enable stateful control of TE LSPs between and across PCEP sessions in compliance with [RFC4657]. It includes mechanisms to effect LSP state synchronization between PCCs and PCEs,

delegation of control of LSPs to PCEs, and PCE control of timing and sequence of path computations within and across PCEP sessions. The stateful PCEP defines the following two useful network operations:

- o Delegation: As per [RFC8051], an operation to grant a PCE temporary rights to modify a subset of LSP parameters on one or more LSPs of a PCC. LSPs are delegated from a PCC to a PCE and are referred to as "delegated" LSPs.
- o Revocation: As per [RFC8231], an operation performed by a PCC on a previously delegated LSP. Revocation revokes the rights granted to the PCE in the delegation operation.

For Redundant Stateful PCEs (section 5.7.4. of [RFC8231]), during a PCE failure, one of the redundant PCE could request to take control over an LSP. The redundant PCEs MAY use a local policy or a proprietary election mechanism to decide which PCE would take control. In this case, a mechanism is needed for a stateful PCE to request control of one or more LSPs from a PCC, so that a newly elected primary PCE can request to take over control.

In case of virtualized PCEs (vPCE) running as virtual network function (VNF), as the computation load in the network increases, a new instance of vPCE could be instantiated to balance the current load. The PCEs could use proprietary algorithm to decide which LSPs to be assigned to the new vPCE. Thus having a mechanism for the PCE to request control of some LSPs is needed.

In some deployments, the operator would like to use stateful PCE for global optimization algorithms but would still like to keep the control of the LSP at the PCC. In such cases, a stateful PCE could request to take control during the global optimization and return the delegation once done.

This specification provides a simple extension, by using this a PCE can request control of one or more LSPs from any PCC over the stateful PCEP channel. The procedures for granting and relinquishing control of the LSPs are specified in accordance with the specification [RFC8231].

2. Terminology

The following terminologies are used in this document:

PCC: Path Computation Client.

PCE: Path Computation Element

PCEP: Path Computation Element communication Protocol.

PCRpt: Path Computation State Report message.

PCUpd: Path Computation Update Request message.

PLSP-ID: A PCEP-specific identifier for the LSP.

3. LSP Control Request Flag

The Stateful PCE Request Parameters (SRP) object is defined in [RFC8231], it includes a Flags field. [I-D.ietf-pce-pce-initiated-lsp] defines a R (LSP-REMOVE) flag.

A new flag, the "LSP Control Request Flag" (C), is introduced in the SRP object. On a PCUpd message, a PCE sets the C Flag to 1 to indicate that, it wishes to gain control of LSP(s). The LSP is identified by the LSP object. A PLSP-ID of value other than 0 and 0xFFFF is used to identify the LSP for which the PCE requests control. The PLSP-ID value of 0 indicates that the PCE is requesting control of all LSPs originating from the PCC that it wishes to delegate. The flag has no meaning in the PCRpt and PCInitiate message and SHOULD be set to 0 on transmission and MUST be ignored on receipt.

4. Operation

During normal operation, a PCC that wishes to delegate the control of an LSP sets the D Flag (delegate) to 1 in all PCRpt messages pertaining to the LSP. The PCE confirms the delegation by setting D Flag to 1 in all PCUpd messages pertaining to the LSP. The PCC revokes the control of the LSP from the PCE by setting D Flag to 0 in PCRpt messages pertaining to the LSP. If the PCE wishes to relinquish the control of the LSP, it sets D Flag to 0 in all PCUpd messages pertaining to the LSP.

If a PCE wishes to gain control over an LSP, it sends a PCUpd message with C Flag set to 1 in SRP object. The LSP for which the PCE requests control is identified by the PLSP-ID. The PLSP-ID of 0 indicates that the PCE wants control over all LSPs originating from the PCC. If the LSP(s) is/are already delegated to the PCE making the request, the PCC ignores the C Flag. A PCC can decide to delegate the control of the LSP at its own discretion. If the PCC grants or denies the control, it sends PCRpt message with D Flag set to 1 and 0 respectively in accordance with according with stateful PCEP [RFC8231]. If the PCC does not grant the control, it MAY choose to not respond, and the PCE may choose to retry requesting the

control preferably using exponentially increasing timer. A PCE ignores the C Flag on the PCRpt message.

In case multiple PCEs request control over an LSP, and if the PCC is willing to grant the control, the LSP MUST be delegated to only one PCE chosen by the PCC based on its local policy.

It should be noted that a legacy implementation of PCC, that does not understand the C flag in PCUpd message, would simply ignore the flag and the request to grant control over the LSP.

[I-D.ietf-pce-pce-initiated-lsp] describes the setup, maintenance and teardown of PCE-initiated LSPs under the stateful PCE model. It also specifies how a PCE MAY obtain control over an orphaned LSP that was PCE-initiated. A PCE implementation can apply the mechanism described in this document in conjunction with those in [I-D.ietf-pce-pce-initiated-lsp].

5. Security Considerations

The security considerations listed in [RFC8231] apply to this document as well. However, this document also introduces a new attack vectors. An attacker may flood the PCC with request to delegate all its LSPs at a rate which exceeds the PCC's ability to process them, either by spoofing messages or by compromising the PCE itself. The PCC can simply ignore these messages with no extra actions. Securing the PCEP session using mechanism like Transport Layer Security (TLS) [RFC8253] is RECOMMENDED.

6. IANA Considerations

This document requests IANA actions to allocate code points for the protocol elements defined in this document.

6.1. SRP Object Flags

The SRP object is defined in [RFC8231] and the registry to manage the Flag field of the SRP object is requested in [I-D.ietf-pce-pce-initiated-lsp]. IANA is requested to make the following allocation in the aforementioned registry.

Bit	Description	Reference
TBD	LSP Control Request Flag (c-bit)	This document

7. Manageability Considerations

All manageability requirements and considerations listed in [RFC5440] and [RFC8231] apply to PCEP protocol extensions defined in this document. In addition, requirements and considerations listed in this section apply.

7.1. Control of Function and Policy

A PCE or PCC implementation SHOULD allow the operator to configure the policy based on which it honor the request to control the LSPs. Further, the operator MAY be to be allowed to trigger the LSP control request at the PCE.

7.2. Information and Data Models

The PCEP YANG module [I-D.ietf-pce-pcep-yang] could be extended to include mechanism to trigger the LSP control request.

7.3. Liveness Detection and Monitoring

Mechanisms defined in this document do not imply any new liveness detection and monitoring requirements in addition to those already listed in [RFC5440].

7.4. Verify Correct Operations

Mechanisms defined in this document do not imply any new operation verification requirements in addition to those already listed in [RFC5440] and [RFC8231].

7.5. Requirements On Other Protocols

Mechanisms defined in this document do not imply any new requirements on other protocols.

7.6. Impact On Network Operations

Mechanisms defined in [RFC5440] and [RFC8231] also apply to PCEP extensions defined in this document. Further, the mechanism described in this document can help the operator to request control of the LSPs at a particular PCE.

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Abstract

This document defines the PCEP extension for PCE application in Native IP network. The scenario and architecture of PCE in native IP is described in [I-D.draft-wang-teas-pce-native-ip]. This draft describes the key information that is transferred between PCE and PCC to accomplish the end2end traffic assurance in Native IP network under central control mode.

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1. Introduction

Traditionally, MPLS-TE traffic assurance requires the corresponding network devices support MPLS or the complex RSVP/LDP/Segment Routing

etc. technologies to assure the end-to-end traffic performance. But in native IP network, there will be no such signaling protocol to synchronize the action among different network devices. It is necessary to use the central control mode that described in [I-D.draft-ietf-teas-pce-control-function] to correlate the forwarding behavior among different network devices. Draft [I-D.draft-wang-teas-pce-native-ip] describes the architecture and solution philosophy for the end2end traffic assurance in Native IP network via Dual/Multi BGP solution. This draft describes the corresponding PCEP extension to transfer the key information about peer address list, peer prefix association and the explicit peer route on on-path router.

2. Conventions used in this document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

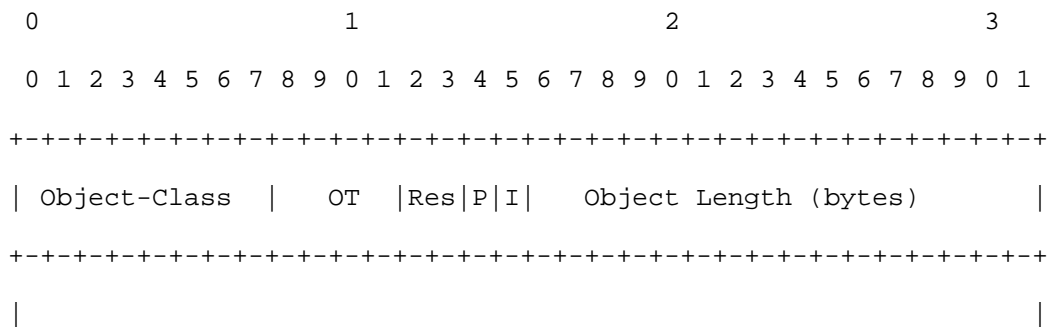
3. New Objects Extension

Three new objects are defined in this draft; they are Peer Address List Object (PAL Object), Peer Prefix Association Object (PPA Object) and Explicit Peer Route object (EPR Object).

Peer Address List object is used to tell the network device which peer it should be peered with dynamically, Peer Prefix Association is used to tell which prefixes should be advertised via the corresponding peer and Explicit Peer Route object is used to point out which route should be taken to arrive to the peer.

4. Object Formats.

Each extension object takes the similar format, that is to say, it began with the common object header defined in [RFC5440] as the following:



AT(8 bits): Address Type. To indicate the address type of Peer.
Equal to 4, if the following IP address of peer is belong to IPv4;
Equal to 6 if the following IP address of peer is belong to IPv6.

Resv(8 bits): Reserved for future use.

Local IP Address(4/16 Bytes): IPv4 address of the local router, used to peer with other end router. When AT equal to 4, length is 32bit; when AT equal to 16, length is 128bit;

Peer IP Address(4/16 Bytes): IPv4 address of the peer router, used to peer with the local router. When AT equal to 4, length is 32bit; IPv6 address of the peer when AT equal to 16, length is 128bit;

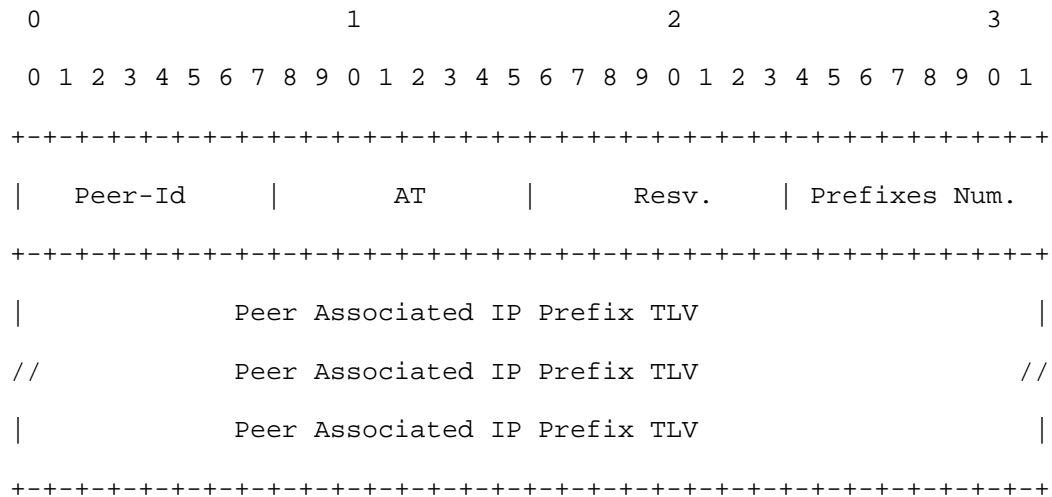
4.2. Peer Prefix Association

THE Peer Prefix Association object is carried within in a PCE Initiate message [draft-ietf-pce-pce-initiated-lsp] to specify the IP prefixes that should be advertised by the corresponding Peer.

This Object should only be sent to the head and end router of the end2end path in case there is no RR involved. If the RR is used between the head end routers, then such information should be sent to head router/RR and end router/RR respectively.

Peer Prefix Association object Object-Class is **

Peer Prefix Association object Object-Type is **



Peer-Id(8 bits): To indicate the peer that the following next hop address point to. This value is assigned in the Peer Address List object and is referred in this object.

AT(8 bits): Address Type. To indicate the address type of explicit peer route. Equal to 4, if the following next hop address to the peer is belong to IPv4; Equal to 6 if the following next hop address to the peer is belong to IPv6.

Resv(16 bits): Reserved for future use.

Next Hop Address to the Peer TLV: Variable Length, use the TLV format to indicate the next hop address to the corresponding peer that indicated by the Peer-Id.

5. Management Consideration.

6. Security Considerations

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7. IANA Considerations

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8. Conclusions

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Abstract

This document defines the framework for CCDR traffic engineering within Native IP network, using Dual/Multi-BGP session strategy and PCE-based central control architecture.

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The proposed central mode control framework conforms to the concept that defined in RFC " An Architecture for Use of PCE and the PCE Communication Protocol (PCEP) in a Network with Central Control".

The scenario and simulation results of CCCR traffic engineering is described in draft "CCDR Scenario, Simulation and Suggestion".

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1. Introduction

Draft [I-D.draft-wang-teas-ccdr] describes the scenario and simulation results for the CCCR traffic engineering. In summary, the requirements for CCCR traffic engineering in Native IP network are the following:

- 1) No complex MPLS signaling procedure.
- 2) End to End traffic assurance, determined QoS behavior.
- 3) Identical deployment method for intra- and inter- domain.
- 4) No influence to existing router forward behavior.
- 5) Can utilize the power of centrally control(PCE) and flexibility/robustness of distributed control protocol.
- 6) Coping with the differentiation requirements for large amount traffic and prefixes.
- 7) Flexible deployment and automation control.

This document defines the framework for CCCR traffic engineering within Native IP network, using Dual/Multi-BGP session strategy and CCCR architecture, to meet the above requirements in dynamical and central control mode. Future PCEP protocol extensions to transfer the key parameters between PCE and the underlying network devices(PCC) are provided in draft [draft-wang-pcep-extension-native-IP]

2. Dual-BGP framework for simple topology.

Dual-BGP framework for simple topology is illustrated in Fig.1, which is comprised by SW1, SW2, R1, R2. There are multiple physical links between R1 and R2. Traffic between IP11 and IP21 is normal traffic, traffic between IP12 and IP22 is priority traffic that should be treated differently.

Only Native IGP/BGP protocol is deployed between R1 and R2. The traffic between each address pair may change timely and the corresponding source/destination addresses of the traffic may also change dynamically.

The key idea of the Dual-BGP framework for this simple topology is the following:

- 1) Build two BGP sessions between R1 and R2, via the different loopback address lo0, lo1 on these routers.
- 2) Send different prefixes via the two BGP sessions. (For example, IP11/IP21 via the BGP pair 1 and IP12/IP22 via the BGP pair 2).
- 3) Set the explicit peer route on R1 and R2 respectively for BGP next hop of lo0, lo1 to different physical link address between R1 and R2.

So, the traffic between the IP11 and IP21, and the traffic between IP12 and IP22 will go through different physical links between R1 and R2, each type of traffic occupy the different dedicated physical links.

If there is more traffic between IP12 and IP22 that needs to be assured, one can add more physical links on R1 and R2 to reach the loopback address lo1(also the next hop for BGP Peer pair2). In this cases the prefixes that advertised by two BGP peer need not be changed.

If, for example, there is traffic from another address pair that needs to be assured (for example IP13/IP23), but the total volume of assured traffic does not exceed the capacity of the previous appointed physical links, then one need only to advertise the newly added source/destination prefixes via the BGP peer pair2, then the traffic between IP13/IP23 will go through the assigned dedicated physical links as the traffic between IP12/IP22.

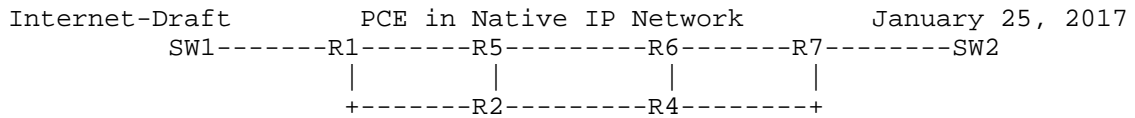


Fig.2 Dual-BGP Framework for large scale network

4. Multi-BGP for Extended Traffic Differentiation

In general situation, several additional traffic differentiation criteria exist, including:

- o Traffic that requires low latency links and is not sensitive to packet loss
- o Traffic that requires low packet loss but can endure higher latency
- o Traffic that requires lowest jitter path
- o Traffic that requires high bandwidth links

These different traffic requirements can be summarized in the following table:

Flow No.	Latency	Packet Loss	Jitter
1	Low	Normal	Don't care
2	Normal	Low	Dont't care
3	Normal	Normal	Low

Table 1. Traffic Requirement Criteria

For Flow No.1, we can select the shortest distance path to carry the traffic; for Flow No.2, we can select the idle links to form its end to end path; for Flow No.3, we can let all the traffic pass one single path, no ECMP distribution on the parallel links is required.

It is difficult and almost impossible to provide an end-to-end (E2E) path with latency, latency variation, packet loss, and bandwidth utilization constraints to meet the above requirements in large scale IP-based network via the traditional distributed routing protocol, but these requirements can be solved using the CCDR architecture since the PCE has the overall network view, can collect real network topology and network performance information about the underlying

5. CCDR based framework for Multi-BGP strategy deployment.

With the advent of SDN concepts towards pure IP networks, it is possible now to accomplish the central and dynamic control of network traffic according to the application's various requirements.

The procedure to implement the dynamic deployment of Multi-BGP strategy is the following:

- 1) PCE gets topology and link utilization information from the underlying network, calculate the appropriate link path upon application's requirements.
- 2) PCE sends the key parameters to edge/RR routers(R1, R7 and R3 in Fig.3) to build multi-BGP peer relations and advertise different prefixes via them.
- 3) PCE sends the route information to the routers (R1,R2,R4,R7 in Fig.3) on forwarding path via PCEP, to build the path to the BGP next-hop of the advertised prefixes.
- 4) If the assured traffic prefixes were changed but the total volume of assured traffic does not exceed the physical capacity of the previous end-to-end path, then PCE needs only change the related information on edge routers (R1,R7 in Fig.3).
- 5) If volume of the assured traffic exceeds the capacity of previous calculated path, PCE must recalculate the appropriate path to accommodate the exceeding traffic via some new end-to-end physical link. After that PCE needs to update on-path routers to build such path hop by hop.

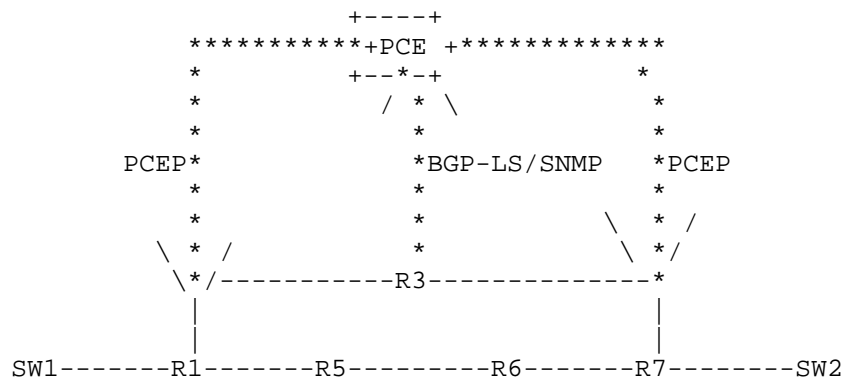




Fig.3 PCE based framework for Multi-BGP deployment

6. PCEP extension for key parameters delivery.

The PCEP protocol needs to be extended to transfer the following key parameters:

- 1) BGP peer address and advertised prefixes.
- 2) Explicit route information to BGP next hop of advertised prefixes.

Once the router receives such information, it should establish the BGP session with the peer appointed in the PCEP message, advertise the prefixes that contained in the corresponding PCEP message, and build the end to end dedicated path hop by hop. Details of communications between PCEP and BGP subsystems in router's control plane are out of scope of this draft and will be described in separate draft.[draft-wang-pce-extension for native IP]

The reason why we selected PCEP as the southbound protocol instead of OpenFlow, is that PCEP is suitable for the changes in control plane of the network devices, there OpenFlow dramatically changes the forwarding plane. We also think that the level of centralization that requires by OpenFlow is hardly achievable in many today's SP networks so hybrid BGP+PCEP approach looks much more interesting.

7. CCDR Deployment Consideration

CCDR framework requires the parallel work of 2 subsystems in router's control plane: PCE (PCEP) and BGP as well as coordination between them, so it might require additional planning work before deployment.

8.1 Scalability

In CCDR framework, PCE needs only to influence the edge routers for the prefixes differentiation via the multi-BGP deployment. The route information for these prefixes within the on-path routers were distributed via the traditional BGP protocol. Unlike the solution from BGP Flowspec, the on-path router need only keep the specific policy routes to the BGP next-hop of the differentiate prefixes, not

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the specific routes to the prefixes themselves. This can lessen the burden from the table size of policy based routes for the on-path routers, and has more scalability when comparing with the solution from BGP flowspec or Openflow.

8.2 High Availability

CCDR framework is based on the traditional distributed IP protocol. If the PCE failed, the forwarding plane will not be impacted, as the BGP session between all devices will not flap, and the forwarding table will remain the same. If one node on the optimal path is failed, the assurance traffic will fall over to the best-effort forwarding path. One can even design several assurance paths to load balance/hot standby the assurance traffic to meet the path failure situation, as done in MPLS FRR.

From PCE/SDN-controller HA side we will rely on existing HA solutions of SDN controllers such as clustering.

8.3 Incremental deployment

Not every router within the network support will support the PCEP extension that defined in [draft-wang-pce-extension-native-IP] simultaneously. For such situations, router on the edge of sub domain can be upgraded first, and then the traffic can be assured between different sub domains. Within each sub domain, the traffic will be forwarded along the best-effort path. Service provider can selectively upgrade the routers on each sub-domain in sequence.

8. Security Considerations

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9. IANA Considerations

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10. Conclusions

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