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Abstract

When active stateful PCE is used for managing PCE-initiated LSP, PCC may not be aware of the intended usage of the LSP (e.g., in a multi-layer network). PCEP Extensions for PCE-initiated MPLS and GMPLS LSP Setup specifications do not address this requirement. This draft addresses the requirement to specify on how PCC should use the remote initiated LSPs.

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].

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1. Introduction

[I-D. draft-crabbe-pce-pce-initiated-lsp] and [I-D. draft-ali-pce-remote-initiated-gmpls-lsp] describe the setup and teardown of PCE-initiated MPLS and GMPLS LSPs under the active stateful PCE model, without the need for local configuration on the PCC, thus allowing for a dynamic network that is centrally controlled and deployed. However, when an active stateful PCE is used for managing remote-initiated MPLS or GMPLS LSP, the PCC may not be aware of the intended usage of the remote-initiated LSP. For example, the PCC may not know the target IGP instance in which the remote-initiated LSP is to be used. These requirements are outlined in Section 3.

This draft addresses the requirement to specify on how PCC should use the PCEP initiated LSPs. This is achieved by using LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID Object defined in [RFC6107] in PCEP, as detailed in Section 4. PCEP extensions specified in this document are equally applicable to PCEP initiated MPLS as well as GMPLS LSPs.

2. Use Cases

2.1. Bandwidth-on-demand

This use case assumes there is a multi-layer network composed by routers and optical equipment. In this scenario, there is an entity, which decides it needs extra bandwidth between two routers. This certain moment a GMPLS LSP connecting both routers via the optical network can be established on-the-fly. This entity can be a router, an active stateful PCE or even the NMS (with or without human intervention).

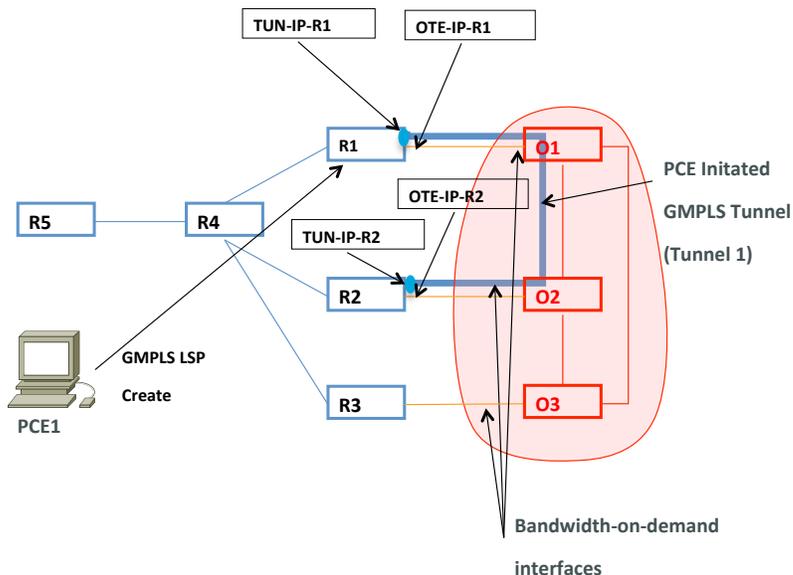


Figure 1. Bandwidth on demand use case

It is important to note that the bandwidth-on-demand interfaces and spare bandwidth in the optical network could be shared to cover many under capacity scenarios in the L3 network. For example, in this use-case, if we assume all interfaces are 10G and there is 10G of spare bandwidth available in the optical network, the spare bandwidth in the optical network can be used to connect any router, depending on bandwidth demand of the router network. For example, if there are three routers, it is not known a priori if the demand will make bandwidth-on-demand interface at R1 to be connected to bandwidth-on-demand interface at R2 or R3. For this reason, bandwidth-on-demand interfaces cannot be pre-provisioned with the IP services that are expected to carry. Furthermore, in this example, as active stateful PCE is used for managing PCE-initiated LSP, PCC may not be aware of the intended usage of the PCE-initiated LSP. Specifically, when the PCE1 initiated GMPLS tunnel1, PCC does not know the IGP instance whose demand leads to establishment of the GMPLS tunnel1 and hence does not know the IGP instance in which the GMPLS tunnel1 needs to be advertised. Similarly, the PCC does not know IP address that should be assigned to the GMPLS tunnel1. In the above example, this IP address is labeled as TUN-IP-R1 (tunnel IP address at R1). The PCC also does not know if the tunnel needs to be advertised as forwarding and/ or routing adjacency and/or to be locally used by the target IGP instance. Similarly, egress node for GMPLS signaling (R2 node in this example) may not know the intended usage of the tunnel (tunnel1 in this example). For example, the R2 node does not know IP address that should be assigned to the GMPLS tunnel1. In the above example, this IP address is labeled as TUN-IP-R2

(tunnel IP address at R2). Section 4 of this draft addresses the requirement to specify on how PCC and egress node for signaling should use the remote initiated LSPs.

3. Remote Initiated LSP Usage Requirement

The requirement to specify usage of the LSP to the PCC includes but not limited to specification of the following information.

- The target IGP instance for the Remote-initiated LSP needs to be specified.
- In the target IGP instance, should the PCE-initiated LSP be advertised as a forwarding adjacency and/ or routing adjacency and/ or to be used locally by the PCC?
- Should the as Remote-initiated LSP be advertised an IPv4 FA/ RA, IPv6 FA/ RA or as unnumbered FA/ RA.
- If Remote-initiated LSP is to be advertised an IPv4 FA/ RA, IPv6 FA/ RA, what is the local and remote IP address is to be used for the advertisement.

4. PCEP extension for PCEP Initiated LSP Usage Specification

The requirement to specify on how PCC should use the PCEP initiated LSPs in outlined in Section 2. This subsection specifies PCEP extension used to satisfy this requirement.

4.1. LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID Object in LSP Initiate Message

[RFC6107] defines LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID Object for communicating usage of the forwarding or routing adjacency from the ingress node to the egress node. This document extends the LSP Initiate (PCInitiate) Message to include LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object defined in [RFC6107]. Object class and type for the LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object are as follows:

Object Name: LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID

Object-Class Value: TBA by Iana (suggested value: 40)

Object-type: 1

The contents of this object are identical in encoding to the contents of the RSVP-TE LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object defined in [RFC6107] and [RFC3477]. The following TLVs of RSVP-TE LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object are acceptable in this object. The PCEP LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object's TLV types correspond to RSVP-TE LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object's TLV types. Please

note that use of TLV type 1 defined in [RFC3477] is not specified by this document.

TLV Type	TLV Description	Reference
2	IPv4 interface identifier with target IGP instance	[RFC6107]
3	IPv6 interface identifier with target IGP instance	[RFC6107]
4	Unnumbered interface with target IGP instance	[RFC6107]

The meanings of the fields of PCEP LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object are identical to those defined for the RSVP-TE LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object. Similarly, meanings of the fields of PCEP LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object's supported TLV are identical to those defined for the corresponding RSVP-TE LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object's TLVs. The following fields have slightly different usage.

- IPv4 Interface Address field in IPv4 interface identifier with target IGP instance TLV: This field indicates the local IPv4 address to be assigned to the tunnel at the PCC (ingress node for RSVP-TE signaling). In the example use case of Section 2, IP address TUN-IP-R1 (tunnel IP address at R1) is carried in this field (if TUN-IP-R1 is a v4 address).
- IPv6 Interface Address field in IPv4 interface identifier with target IGP instance TLV: This field indicates the local IPv6 address to be assigned to the tunnel at the PCC (ingress node for RSVP-TE signaling).
- LSR's Router ID field in Unnumbered interface with target IGP instance: The PCC SHOULD use the LSR's Router ID in Unnumbered interface with target IGP instance in advertising the LSP being initiated by the PCE.
- Interface ID (32 bits) field in unnumbered interface with target IGP instance: All bits of this field MUST be set to 0 by the PCE server and MUST be ignored by PCC. PCC SHOULD allocate an Interface ID that fulfills Interface ID requirements specified in [RFC3477].

When the Ingress PCC receives an LPS Request Message with LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID TLV, it uses the information contained in the TLV to drive the IGP instance, treatment of the LSP being initiated in the target IGP instance (e.g., FA, RA or local usage), the local IPv4 or IPv6 address or router-id for unnumbered case to be used for advertisement of the LSP being instantiated.

4.2. Communicating LSP usage to Egress node

PCE does not need to send LSP Initiate message to egress node to communicate LSP usage information. Instead PCC (Ingress signaling node) uses RSVP-TE signaling mechanism specified in [RFC6107] to send the LSP usage to Egress node. Specifically, when the Ingress PCC receives an LSP Request Message with LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID TLV, it SHOULD add LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object in RSVP TE Path message. For this purpose, it is RECOMMENDED that the ingress PCC use content of the LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID TLV in LSP Initiate Message in PCEP to drive LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object in RSVP-TE. This document does not modify usage of LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID Object in RSVP-TE signaling as specified in [RFC6107].

The egress node uses information contained in the LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object in RSVP-TE Path message to drive the IGP instance, treatment of the LSP being initiated in the target IGP instance (e.g., FA, RA or local usage), the local IPv4 or IPv6 address or router-id for unnumbered case to be used for advertisement of the LSP being instantiated.

5. Security Considerations

To be added in future revision of this document.

6. IANA Considerations

6.1. END-POINT Object

This document extends the LSP Initiate Message to include LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object defined in [RFC6107]. Object class and type for the LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID object are as follows:

Name	Class value	Type
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LSP_TUNNEL_INTERFACE_ID	TBA by Iana (Suggested:40)	1

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