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Abstract

This document specifies a BGP Flow specification policy action to push/pop/swap MPLS labels.

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## 1. Introduction

This section provides the background for proposing a new action for BGP Flow specification [RFC5575] that push/pops MPLS labels or swaps MPLS labels. For those familiar with BGP Flow specification ([RFC5575], [RFC7674] [I-D.ietf-idr-flow-spec-v6], [I-D.ietf-idr-flowspec-l2vpn], and MPLS ([RFC3107]) can skip this background section.

### 1.1. Background

[RFC5575] defines the flow specification (FlowSpec) that is an n-tuple consisting of several matching criteria that can be applied to IP traffic. The matching criteria can include elements such as source and destination address prefixes, IP protocol, and transport protocol port numbers. A given IP packet is said to match the defined flow if it matches all the specified criteria. [RFC5575] also defines a set of filtering actions, such as rate limit, redirect, marking, associated with each flow specification. A new Border Gateway Protocol ([RFC4271]) Network Layer Reachability Information (BGP NLRI) (AFI/SAFI: 1/133 for IPv4, AFI/SAFI: 1/134 for VPNv4) encoding format is used to distribute traffic flow specifications.

[RFC3107] specifies the way in which the label mapping information for a particular route is piggybacked in the same Border Gateway Protocol Update message that is used to distribute the route itself. Label mapping information is carried as part of the Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI) in the Multiprotocol Extensions attributes. The Network Layer Reachability Information is encoded as one or more triples of the form <length, label, prefix>. The NLRI contains a label is indicated by using Subsequent Address Family Identifier (SAFI) value 4.

[RFC4364] describes a method in which each route within a Virtual Private Network (VPN) is assigned a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) label. If the Address Family Identifier (AFI) field is set to 1, and the SAFI field is set to 128, the NLRI is an MPLS-labeled VPN-IPv4 address.

## 1.2. MPLS Flow Specification Deployment

In BGP VPN/MPLS networks when flow specification policy rules exist on multiple forwarding devices in the network bound with labels from one or more LSPs, only the ingress LSR (Label Switching Router) needs to identify a particular traffic flow based on the matching criteria for flow. Once the flow is match by the ingress LSR, the ingress LSR steers the packet to a corresponding LSP (Label Switched Path). Other LSRs of the LSP just need to forward the packet according to the label carried in it.

## 2. Terminology

Flow Specification (FlowSpec): A flow specification is an n-tuple consisting of several matching criteria that can be applied to IP traffic, including filters and actions. Each FlowSpec consists of a set of filters and a set of actions.

### 2.1. 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].

## 3. Overview of Proposal

This document proposes adding a BGP-FS action in an extended community alters the label switch path associated with a matched flow. If the match does not have a label switch path, this action is skipped.

The BGP flow specification (BGP-FS) policy rule could match on the destination prefix and then utilize a BGP-FS action to adjust the label path associated with it (push/pop/swap tags.) Or a BGP-FS policy rule could match on any set of BGP-FS match conditions associated with a BGP-FS action that adjust the label switch path (push/pop/swap).

draft-ietf-yong-flowspec-mpls-match provides a match BGP-FS that may be used with this action to match and direct MPLS packets.

#### 4. Protocol Extensions

A new label-action is defined as BGP extended community value based on Section 7 of [RFC5575].

```

+-----+-----+-----+
| type   | extended community | encoding |
+-----+-----+-----+
| TBD1   | label-action       | MPLS tag |
+-----+-----+-----+
    
```

Figure 1

Label-action is described below:

```

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
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
|      Type (TBD1           | OpCode|Reserve| order           |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+ Label
|              Label           | Exp |S|           TTL           | Stack
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+ Entry
    
```

The use and the meaning of these fields are as follows:

Type: the same as defined in [RFC4360]

Figure 2

OpCode: Operation code

OpCode	Function
0	Push the MPLS tag
1	Pop the outermost MPLS tag in the packet
2	Swap the MPLS tag with the outermost MPLS tag in the packet
3~15	Reserved

\* where:

- \* When the Opcode field is set to 0, the label stack entry Should be pushed on the MPLS label stack.
- \* When the OpCode field is set to 1, the label stack entry is invalid, and the router SHOULD pop the existing outermost MPLS tag in the packet.
- \* When the OpCode field is set to 2, the router SHOULD swap the label stack entry with the existing outermost MPLS tag in the packet. If the packet has no MPLS tag, it just pushes the label stack entry.
- \* Note-1: The OpCode 0 or 1 may be used in some SDN networks, such as the scenario described in [I-D.filsfils-spring-segment-routing-central-epe].
- \* The OpCode 2 can be used in traditional BGP MPLS/VPN networks.

Reserved: all zeros

Order: within multiple label actions A FlowSpec rule MAY be associated with one or more ordering label-action each in an extended community. If multiple label-actions occur, this field gives the order of this action within that group. If two MPLS actions arrive with the same order the last mpls action received for an order will be used.

Label: the same as defined in [RFC3032]

Bottom of Stack (S): the same as defined in [RFC3032]. It SHOULD be invalid, and set to zero by default. It MAY be modified by the forwarding router locally.

Time to Live (TTL): the same as defined in [RFC3032]. It MAY be modified by the forwarding router locally.

Experimental Use (Exp): the same as defined in [RFC3032]. It MAY be modified by the forwarding router according to the local routing policy.

5. Deployment Examples

5.1. Exampel 1 - MPLS Filter + MPLS Action

Forwarding information for the traffic  
for source: IP2, Destination: IP1

Purpose of BGP-FS filters: send DDoS traffic to IDS/IPS server

```

PE1:  in(<IP2,IP1>) --> out(Label1)
ASBR1: in(Label1) --> out(Label1)
ASBR2: in(Label1) --> out(Label2)
PE2:  in(Label2) --> out(--)
```

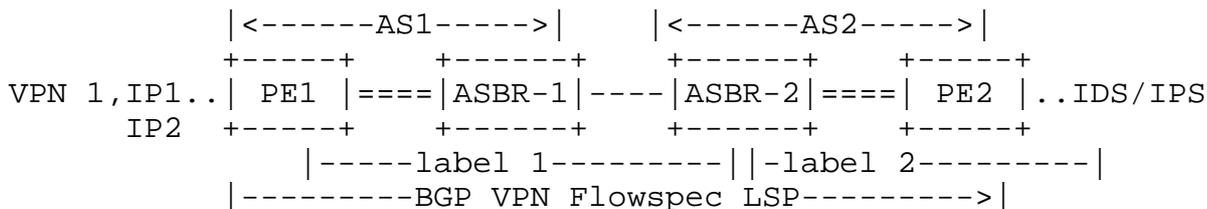


Figure 1 - Forwarding Diagram

locally configured filters

Filters:

destination ip prefix:IP2/32

source ip prefix:IP1/32

Action:

put on LSP with Label 1

PE-2 Installs:

BGP-FS Filter:

MPLS filter for Label 1 and label 2

BGP-FS Actions:

Traffic-Rate limit

MPLS POP

PE-2 Sends to ASBR-2

BGP-FS Filter

MPLS filter for label 1 and Label 2

BGP-FS Actions:

Traffic-Rate limit

Label SWAP 1 to 2

PE-1 Sends to ASBR 1

BGP-FS filter

MPLS filter for label 1

BGP-FS Actions

Traffic-Rate limit

## 5.2. Example 2 - IP filter + MPLS action

Forwarding information for the traffic from IP1 to IP2 in the Routers:

```
PE1:   in(<IP2,IP1>) --> out(Label2)
ASBR1: in(Label2)   --> out(Label3)
ASBR2: in(Label3)   --> out(Label4)
PE2:   in(Label4)   --> out(--)
```

Labels allocated by Flow policy process

```
Label4 allocated by PE2
Label3 allocated by ASBR2
Label2 allocated by ASBR1
```

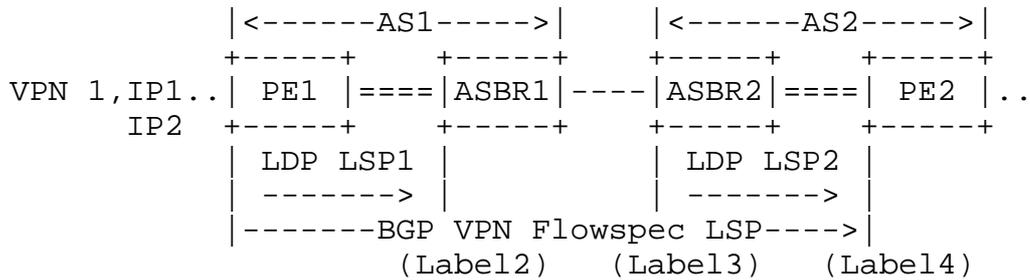


Figure 1 - Forwarding Diagram

BGP-FS rule1 (locally configured)

Filters:

```
destination ip prefix:IP2/32
source       ip prefix:IP1/32
```

Actions:

```
traffic-marking: 1
MPLS POP
```

Note:

The following Extended Communities are added/deleted

```
[rule-1a] BGP-FS action MPLS POP [used on PE2]
[rule-1b] BGP-FS action SWAP 4   [used on ASBR-2]
[rule-1c] BGP-FS action SWAP 3   [used on ASBR-1]
[rule-1d] BGP-FS action push 2   [used on PE1]
```

BGP Filter rules

PE-2 Changes BGP-FS rule-1a to rule-1b prior to sending  
 Clears Extended Community: BGP-FS action MPLS POP  
 Adds Extended Community: BGP-FS action MPLS SWAP 4

ASBR-2 receives BGP-FS rule-1b (NRLI + 2 Extended Community)  
 Installs the BGP-FS rule-1b (MPLS SWAP 4, traffic-marking)  
 Changes BGP-FS rule-1b to rule-1c prior to sending to ASBR1  
 Clear Extended Community: BGP-FS action MPLS SWAP 4  
 Adds Extended Community: BGP-FS action MPLS SWAP 3

ASBR-1 Receives BGP-FS rule-1c (NLRI + 2 Extended Community)  
 Installs the BGP-FS rule-1c (MPLS SWAP 3, traffic-marking)  
 Changes BGP-FS rule-1c to rule-1d prior to sending to PE-2  
 Clear Extended Community: BGP-FS action MPLS SWAP 3  
 Adds Extended Community: BGP-FS action MPLS SWAP 2

PE-1 Receives BGP-FS rule-1d (NLRI + 2 Extended Communities)  
 Installs BGP-FS rule-1d action [MPLS SWAP 2, traffic-marking]

## 6. Security Considerations

The validation of BGP Flow Specification policy in NLRI is considered in [I-D.hares-idr-flowspec-combo] for option 1, and for option 2. Additional security has been proposed in [I-D.ietf-idr-bgp-flowspec-oid]. A BGP5575bis document will consider the revised security.

For Option 1, the MPLS Match can be one of the match filters, and the final match is an "AND" of all the filters. Match filters are tested in the order specified in [I-D.hares-idr-flowspec-combo] and/or an RFC5575bis document.

[I-D.hares-idr-flowspec-combo] suggests a default order for filters and for the BGP-FS action proposed after [RFC5575], and this document discusses how conflicts between action are handled.

## 7. IANA Considerations

This section complies with [RFC7153]

IANA is requested to a new entry in "Flow Spec action types registry" with the following values:

Value Name:	Value	Reference
=====	=====	=====
Lable Action	TBD	[this document]

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