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# Performance Evaluation of Routing Protocols for Video Conference over MPLS VPN Network

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### Abstract

Video conferencing is a highly demanding facility now a days in order to its real time characteristics, but faster communication is the prior requirement of this technology. Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) IP Virtual Private Network (VPN) address this problem and it is able to make a communication faster than others techniques. However, this paper studies the performance comparison of video traffic between two routing protocols namely the Enhanced Interior Gateway Protocol (EIGRP) and Open Shortest Path First (OSPF). The combination of traditional routing and MPLS improve the forwarding mechanism, scalability and overall network performance. We will use GNS3 and OPNET Modeler 14.5 to simulate many different scenarios and metrics such as delay, jitter and mean opinion score (MOS) value are measured. The simulation result will show that OSPF and BGP-MPLS VPN offers best performance for video conferencing application.

## Key words

OSPF, BGP, MPLS, Video conference, Provider router, edge router, layer3 VPN.

## I. INTRODUCTION

MPLS stands for multi-protocol label switching. Multi-protocol—all this means is that it is going to work for multiple protocols. MPLS works with protocols at both layer 2 and layer 3 of the OSI model. For layer 3, it supports IP, IPv6, and IPX, for example. At layer 2, it supports multiple standards as well—Ethernet being the most common example, of course—but also PPP, framerelay, and ATM, among others. All this means is that, rather than using the destination address in the IP header, I am going to determine where and how to send it based on a label in the MPLS header. This MPLS header is added to a packet when it enters the MPLS network. So, why go through all the hassle of the new header? The answer is actually relatively easy to understand. Imagine someone is mailing a letter. When he sends a letter, he write where he need it sent to. Now, the post office could hire millions of people to work at their sorting centers taking each letter, reading the address on each letter one at a time, and taking it to a specific truck for transit to the next postal sorting office. But, as it can imagine, this becomes extremely inefficient as soon as they have more than a few letters to process. Instead, when the postal service first receives the letter, they stick a unique code on the letter. All processing for that letter from that moment until it reaches to local courier's truck is based on that unique code. This allows the postal office to add efficient machinery that can sort billions of pieces of mail with minimal human intervention. MPLS at its inception was attempting to solve the same problem. It's far more efficient from a processing perspective to look at a small label than it is to look at an entire IPv4/IPv6 destination address.

Video conferencing connects people in real time through audio and video communication over broadband networks allowing visual meetings and cooperation on digital documents and shared presentations [1] [2]. In previous, members connected between central meeting rooms prepared with video conference hardware, but new technologies allow participants to connect remotely over a network through multiple devices like laptops, desktops, smartphones and tablets [1]. To support this scenario, we need delay less and reliable technology to transfer data packet quickly. This is why, it is driven to develop such technology that can give us chance to send video packets in real time with minimum delay and jitter.

Moreover, video conferencing is a transmission technology that presents an economical and trustworthy tool for video and voice [2], [3] and [4]. The protocol H.393 is used that describes in a such a way that it supports dual stream in case of video conferencing, usually one for live video, the other for still images[4]. However, video conferencing needs some binding Quality of Service (QoS) requirements such as low, delay, less jitter and packet loss [5]. Committing the optimum QoS parameters is obligatory for video conferencing service [5], thus using MPLS in this area is better solution now a days because it proves to perform better than Non-MPLS networks.

More technically, Aside from forwarding efficiency, it has to remember that, in traditional packet-switched IP networks, almost everything is done based solely on the destination IP address in the packet. Since an MPLS label is added to the packet after a host sends it, he can associate a label with more than just the specific destination of the end host. For example, if one wanted, he could associate traffic that needed low latency service with destination ABC with label 12345. He could also associate traffic only requiring normal service with the same destination ABC with label 23456. Going back to the post office example, one series of digits might be media mail to his house, whereas another series of digits represents next day air to his home. Both labels point to the same destination, but they represent different ways of being handled as they are being sent there.

Another non-efficiency-related benefit that MPLS brings to those who use it is its flexibility in controlling the path that a given packet will take. It is LSP, which stands for label switched path which is shown in fig 1. An LSP is a specific path from the ingress MPLS router to the egress MPLS router. When a MPLS header is added to a packet, the label in that header is associated with a specific LSP. All packets going over the same LSP are going to follow the exact same path through the network, with a few exceptions outside the scope of this document. Through the use of traffic-engineering mechanisms (also beyond the scope of this document), or by simply adjusting some underlying protocols, it can be influenced what that path will be, on both a primary and secondary basis. There are many ramifications of being able to control the end-to-end path through the MPLS network.

For example, let's say someone has two tiers of service, gold and silver. His gold service is supposed to provide enhanced throughput with lower latency and jitter to customers. His silver service provides service to customers where the consistently greater throughput and enhanced forwarding are not guaranteed. By using MPLS LSPs, it can specify that the gold traffic uses its more expensive backbone circuits, whereas the silver traffic uses the less expensive ones. Finally, it is a best packet switching technology which ensures QoS, convenient for multimedia applications, efficient and reliable use of network resources. This paper discusses the best design for protocol suits for multimedia application for different routers such as Label switch router (LER) that in the middle of the Service provider network that uses label to perform routing is label switch router that is a combination of switch and router. Also known as Provider router and Label Edge Router. However, a sample provider backbone network is shown in fig 1 where LER and LSR are connected internally.

The routers that are entry and exit points of the network that are located at the boarder of a MPLS network. Also it known as Provider Edge router. However, the proposed style is applied in a SP infrastructure and applies techniques of DiffServ [6] and MPLS [7]. Simulation results of delay, jitter, and throughput and packet loss with this strategy are presented and discussed. The main contribution of this paper are configure MPLS LDP in the service provider network, configure VRF in the Provider Edge (PE) routers, configure BGP VPNv4 peering between routers, configure Peering between PE routers to customer routers and finally compare routing protocol in case of video conferencing.

### II. OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Understanding MPLS Layer 3 VPN
- ✓ Configure MPLS LDP in the Service Provider network.
- ✓ Configure VRF in the Provider Edge (PE) routers.
- ✓ Configure BGP VPNv4 peering between Routers.
- ✓ Configure Peering between PE routers to customer routers.
- ✓ Compare routing protocol in case of video conferencing

## III. TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

MPLS simply maps on to layer 2 protocol and provide a common fast efficient transport method over a packet switch network. Service providers naturally mention to Layer 3 (L3) MPLS VPNs when they say "MPLS VPN." These VPNs are popular because they are the most scalable

service provider option. MPLS operates in the middle of the data link layer (Layer 2) and the network layer (Layer 3) hence it is considered to be a Layer 2.5 protocol. Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is used as MPLS VPN backbone routing protocol always. There are many service providers bound the selections to BGP and static routing though any routing protocol can be used to connect your sites with the MPLS VPN backbone. Each of your edge routers peers with just one router (PE-router) and you get best any-to-any connectivity between your sites irrespective of your network topology.

When an IP router receives a packet, it has to find out which network it must forwarded to and which exit port so it scans the routing table if there is a match with longest network mask. If there is no match, then it tries with next longest match and so on, it can only forward the packet when only match is found. So congestion found because it is a time consuming task and found a significant delay to forward packets. On the hand, switching g is different, a switching holds a table containing an input port id and packet reference id. New reference is applied for outgoing packets. Thus its forwarded packet very fast. Finally, MPLS uses both switch if possible and route if necessary.

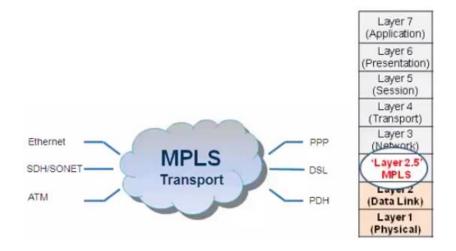


Fig 1. MPLS Protocols and Position in the OSI model.

## IV. TERMINOLOGY

**LSR** – Label switch router that in the middle of the Service provider network that uses label to perform routing is label switch router that is a combination of switch and router. Also known as P router.

**LER** – Label Edge Router. The routers that are entry and exit points of the network that are located at the boarder of a MPLS network. Also it known as PE router.

**SHIM HEADER -** The label is inserted in the middle of layer 2 and layer 3. The detail format is shown in fig 2.

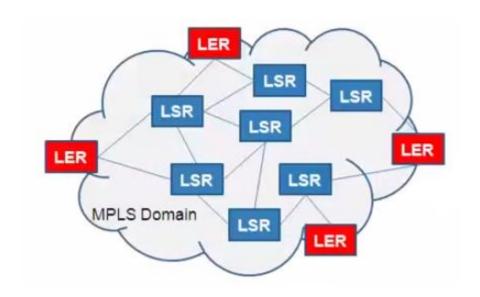


Fig 2. Example of Provider network

**Ingress & Egress LER:** The router at where packet first come to enter into MPLS network is ingress LER. When a packet arrives from IP domain, LER checks the layer 3 information of the packet then it checks its lookup table and finally if finds a reference called forwarded equivalent classes (FEC) the label has been pushed onto the packet and it forwarded to mpls domain. Inside mpls domain, when packet traveled from one LER to another, the old label swapped with new

label until it reaches the egress LER. At the egress LER, it only popped the label and forward to the IP domain.



Fig 3. MPLS header and bisection of shim header

## V. ADVANTAGES OF MPLS NETWORKS

The main advantage of mpls routing over normal ip packet routing is the path transversely the network is well-known even before the packet start expedition. More advantages are given below.

- Improve Uptime it is able to send data over a substitute path in less than 50ms. MPLS also decreases the amount of manual intrusion your network provider has to do to make a WAN, reducing the prospect of mortal mistake bringing down your circuit.
- Create Scalable IP VPNs it's easy to improve an added site to the VPN with MPLS.
   There is no requirement to design a complex mesh of tunnels, as is communal with some outdated approaches.
- Improve User Experience by prioritizing time-sensitive traffic such as VoIP. Multi-Protocol Label Switching proposals multiple Classes of Service, enabling us to apply distinct settings to diverse types of traffic.

- Improve Bandwidth Utilization when the lesser priority traffic needs to burst beyond its usual amount of bandwidth, it can use any capacity that's not being used by higher priority services. Conversely, by putting multiple types of traffic on the same link, we can let high priority traffic derive capacity from lesser priority traffic streams whenever compulsory.
- **Hide Network Complexity** an MPLS connection between two sites can be configured to act like a long Ethernet cable, with the hops involved hidden from view.
- Reduce Network Congestion Sometimes the shortest path between two locations isn't the best one to take, as congestion has made it less attractive (at least for the time being).

  MPLS offers sophisticated traffic engineering options that enable traffic to be sent over non-standard paths. This can reduce latency (the delay in sending/receiving data). It also reduces congestion on the paths that have just been avoided as a result of traffic engineering.

## VI. DISADVANTAGES OF MPLS NETWORK

Keep in mind that with MPLS VPNs, service providers run the core of your network, which presents several disadvantages:

- Your routing protocol choice might be limited.
- Your end-to-end convergence is controlled primarily by the service provider.
- The reliability of your L3 MPLS VPN is influenced by the service provider's competence level.

 Deciding to use MPLS VPN services from a particular service provider also creates a very significant lock-in. It's hard to change the provider when it's operating your network core.

## VII. TOPOLOGY

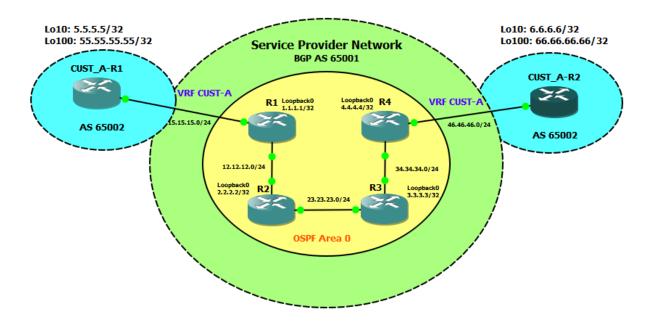


Fig 4. MPLS Layer 3 VPN Topology (GNS3)

There are two LER respectively R1 and R4 that are connected to the customer AS router CUST\_A-R1 and CUST\_A-R2. CUST\_A-R1 is connected to the interface f0/1 of R1's interface which ip is 15.15.15.0/32 whereas CUST\_A-R2 is connected with the interface f0/1 of R4's interface that ip is 46.46.46.0/24. Router R2 and R3 are LSR in this scenario. OSPF area 0 is covers all provider backbone area. Also Provider network BGP AS 65001 is shown in fig 4.

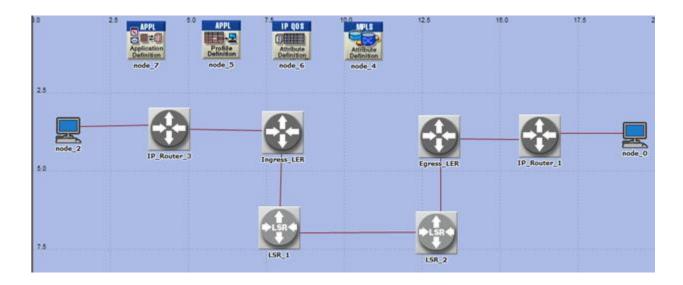


Fig 5. MPLS Layer 3 VPN Topology (OpNet)

## VIII. DETAILED FUNCTIONALITY

MPLS operates using the protocol called LDP (Label Distribution Protocol) which assigns labels ranging from 16 to 1,048,575 (0-15 reserved and cannot be used in Cisco routers) to IP prefixes/subnets in the routing table. LDP relies on the routing table in order for it to form its LIB (Label Information Base) and LFIB (Label Forwarding Information Base). LSR (Label Switch Routers) are routers in the middle of the Service provider network that uses label to perform routing. LER (Label Edge Routers) are routers that are entry and exit points of the network. They are generally the Provider Edge (PE) routers.

The three general operations of LDP when dealing with labeling packets

- PUSH means that the incoming packet has no label and has to assign a new label to it.
   Ingress LER do this operation.
- **SWAP** basically changing the label to a different label. LSR do this operation.
- **POP** remove the label. Egress LER do this operation.

The ingress PE actually appends two MPLS labels in the header. First, a lookup is done in the BGP table to find the VPN label. Then, the path label is put on top of that. The path label is what you use to get to the egress PE router, and the VPN label is what the egress PE uses to send it out the right interface.

Now, on to yet another term is PHP. PHP stands for penultimate hop popping. Before I define what PHP is, I need to understand a problem seen by the developers of MPLS. To get a packet ready to send toward a customer, two things have to be done. First, I have to remove the path label. Second, I have to do a lookup on the VPN label to determine which interface to send it out through. Rather than have the egress PE router do both of these tasks, PHP is done. All PHP does is have the router connected to the egress PE remove the path label prior to sending it to the egress PE. In this way, the workload is distributed. The last P router before the egress PE removes the outer path label, while the egress PE removes the inner VPN label and sends it towards its final destinations.

### IX. EXPERIMENTAL WORK

### A. Tools

GNS 3, OpNet, MatLab

## B. Experimental Setup

## 1. Configuration of MPLS LDP in the Service Provider network

The command "mpls ip" is required to form LDP neighbors. It is only configured in interfaces that are inside the service provider network. Any interfaces such as loopbacks or those facing the customer are not required to be configured because LDP is not required between customer and PE routers. Though the customer is connected to the

MPLS network, it is a common practice for service providers not to make their network visible to the customer.

The "mpls label range" command in the routers sets the number of labels only. I configured it that way so it will be easier to explain later how LDP works. In the example configuration above, the number of labels that can be assigned for each router only amounts to 1000. If the network has more than 1000 prefixes, the rest of the prefixes will not be labeled and will be routed using IP.

The "mpls ldp router-id loopback0 force" command enforces the LDP to use the IP address of Loopback0 as its ID. The "force" keyword will tear down existing LDP sessions and clear all the current bindings and applies the changes to the LDP ID. If "force" is not used, the router will wait until the current interface of the LDP ID goes down before it applies the new LDP ID specified in the command.

**TABLE I.** Label range

| Router   | Interface         | MPLS Label range |  |
|----------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Router 1 | Fast Ethernet 0/0 | 1000-1999        |  |
| Router 2 | Fast Ethernet 0/0 |                  |  |
|          | Fast Ethernet 0/1 | 2000-2999        |  |
| Router 3 | Fast Ethernet 0/1 |                  |  |
|          | Fast Ethernet 0/0 | 3000-3999        |  |
| Router 4 | Fast Ethernet 0/0 | 4000 - 4999      |  |

## Router 1

R1(config)#int fa0/0

R1(config-if)#mpls ip

R1(config-if)#exit

R1(config)#mpls label?

protocol Set platform default label distribution protocol

range Label range

R1(config)#mpls label range?

Minimum label value

R1(config)#mpls label range 1000 1999

% Label range changes will take effect at the next reload.

R1(config)#mpls ldp router-id lo0 force

```
*Mar 1 00:01:30.979: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 1, Nbr 2.2.2.2 on FastEthernet0/0 from LOADING to FULL, Loading Done
*Mar 1 00:01:44.299: %LDP-5-NBRCHG: LDP Neighbor 2.2.2.2:0 (1) is UP
*Mar 1 00:01:46.907: %BGP-5-ADJCHANGE: neighbor 4.4.4.4 Up
R14config t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
R1(config)*fint fa0/0
R1(config)*fint fa0/0
R1(config)*fint slabel range
R1(config)*mpls label ?
protocol Set platform default label distribution protocol
range Label range
R1(config)*mpls label mpls label range ?
% Unrecognized command
R1(config)*mpls label mpls label range
% Invalid input detected at '^' marker.
R1(config)*mpls label range ?
<16-1048575> Minimum label value
R1(config)*mpls label range mpls label range 1000 1999
% Invalid input detected at '^' marker.
R1(config)*mpls label range mpls label range 1000 1999
R1(config)*mpls label range polo 1999
R1(config)*mpls label range 1000 1999
```

## Router 2

R2(config)#int fa0/0

R2(config-if)#mpls ip

R2(config-if)#int f0/1

R2(config-if)#mpls ip

## R2(config-if)#mpls label range 2000 2999

```
*Mar 1 00:01:31.215: %LDP-5-NBRCHG: LDP Neighbor 3.3.3.3:0 (1) is UP
*Mar 1 00:01:42.139: %LDP-5-NBRCHG: LDP Neighbor 1.1.1.1:0 (2) is UP
R2#config t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
R2 (config)#int fa0/0
R2 (config-if)#mpls ip
R2 (config-if)#int f0/1
R2 (config-if)#mpls ip
R2 (config-if)#mpls label range 2000 2999
R2 (config-if)#mpls label range 2000 2999
R2 (config)#exit
R2#
*Mar 1 00:12:29.235: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
R2#
R2#
```

## Router 3

R3(config)#int fa0/0

R3(config-if)#mpls ip

R3(config-if)#int fa0/1

R3(config-if)#mpls ip

R3(config-if)#mpls label range 3000 3999

```
*Mar 1 00:01:22.695: %LDP-5-NBRCHG: LDP Neighbor 2.2.2.2:0 (2) is UP
R3#config t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
R3(config) #int fa0/0
R3(config-if) #mpls ip
R3(config-if) #int fa0/1
R3(config-if) #mpls ip
R3(config-if) #mpls label range 3000 3999
R3(config) #exit
R3#
*Mar 1 00:14:06.743: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
```

## **Router 4**

R4(config)#int fa0/0

R4(config-if)#mpls ip

R4(config-if)#mpls label range 4000 4999

```
*Mar 1 00:01:10.715: %LDP-5-NBRCHG: LDP Neighbor 3.3.3.3:0 (1) is UP

*Mar 1 00:01:22.723: %BGP-5-ADJCHANGE: neighbor 46.46.46.6 vpn vrf CUST-A Up

*Mar 1 00:01:33.347: %BGP-5-ADJCHANGE: neighbor 1.1.1.1 Up

R4#config t

Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.

R4(config)#int fa0/0

R4(config-if)#mpls ip

R4(config-if)#mpls label range 4000 4999

R4(config)#exit

R4#

*Mar 1 00:16:12.515: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console

R4#

R4#
```

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## LDP neighbor ship check

## R1#sh mpls ldp neigh

```
R1#sh mpls ldp neigh

Peer LDP Ident: 2.2.2.2:0; Local LDP Ident 1.1.1.1:0

TCP connection: 2.2.2.2.19804 - 1.1.1.1.646

State: Oper; Msgs sent/rcvd: 31/31; Downstream

Up time: 00:19:06

LDP discovery sources:

FastEthernet0/0, Src IP addr: 12.12.12.2

Addresses bound to peer LDP Ident:

12.12.12.2 2.2.2.2 23.23.23.2

R1#
```

## R2#sh mpls ldp neigh

## R3#sh mpls ldp neigh

## R4#sh mpls ldp neigh

## Forwarding-table:

The "show mpls forwarding-table" also called the LFIB, shows the actions which LDP will take when it receives a specific label. As you can see, it doesn't put any labels to directly connected routes of its adjacent LDP neighbor which is R2.

## R1#show mpls forwarding-table

```
R1# show mpls forwarding-table
Local Outgoing Prefix Bytes tag Outgoing Next Hop
tag tag or VC or Tunnel Id switched interface
1000 Pop tag 23.23.23.0/24 0 Fa0/0 12.12.12.2
1001 2000 34.34.34.0/24 0 Fa0/0 12.12.12.2
1002 Pop tag 2.2.2.2/32 0 Fa0/0 12.12.12.2
1003 2001 3.3.3.3/32 0 Fa0/0 12.12.12.2
1004 2002 4.4.4.4/32 0 Fa0/0 12.12.12.2
1005 Untagged 5.5.5.5/32[V] 0 Fa0/1 15.15.15.5
1006 Untagged 55.55.55/32[V] 0 Fa0/1 15.15.15.5
R1#
R1#
```

## R2#show mpls forwarding-table

```
R2#
R2#show mpls forwarding-table
Local Outgoing Prefix Bytes tag Outgoing Next Hop
tag tag or VC or Tunnel Id switched interface
2000 Pop tag 34.34.34.0/24 0 Fa0/1 23.23.23.3
2001 Pop tag 3.3.3.3/32 0 Fa0/1 23.23.23.3
2002 3000 4.4.4.4/32 12554 Fa0/1 23.23.23.3
2003 Pop tag 1.1.1.1/32 7710 Fa0/0 12.12.12.1
R2#
```

## R3#show mpls forwarding-table

```
R3#
R3#show mpls forwarding-table
Local Outgoing Prefix Bytes tag Outgoing Next Hop
tag tag or VC or Tunnel Id switched interface
3000 Pop tag 4.4.4.4/32 11906 Fa0/0 34.34.34.4
3001 Pop tag 2.2.2.2/32 0 Fa0/1 23.23.23.2
3002 Pop tag 12.12.12.0/24 0 Fa0/1 23.23.23.2
3003 2003 1.1.1.1/32 8268 Fa0/1 23.23.23.2
R3#
```

## R4#show mpls forwarding-table

```
R4#show mpls forwarding-table
Local Outgoing
                                      Bytes tag Outgoing
                   3.3.3.3/32
                                                             34.34.34.3
                   23.23.23.0/24
                                                             34.34.34.3
                   12.12.12.0/24
                                                             34.34.34.3
                   1.1.1.1/32
1003
4004
                                                  Fa0/0
                   6.6.6.6/32[V]
       Untagged
                                                  Fa0/1
```

## **Command Explanation**

As mentioned, the LDP ID will be the highest loopback IP address that is operational in the router. The LDP routers, before they form an LDP session, elect which router will be active and passive. The router chosen as active will initiate the LDP TCP connection. In our case, R2 initiated a connection using a random number which in this case is 18805, R1 responds back with the port 646, the TCP port that is assigned to LDP. The "Addresses bound to peer LDP Ident:" section specifies that the routes below are directly connected to the LDP neighbor. Directly connected routes to the neighbor by default will not have any label assigned in the LIB (Label Information Base).

The "show mpls forwarding-table" also called the LFIB, shows the actions which LDP will take when it receives a specific label. As you can see, it doesn't put any labels to directly connected routes of its adjacent LDP neighbor which is R2.

## 2. Configuration of VRF in the Provider Edge (PE) Routers

VRF (Virtual Routing and Forwarding) is comparable to a VLAN in a switch. VRF is used to create different routing tables that are separated from each other. Since one VRF can't see what routes are in another VRF, the same IP prefix can exist in different VRFs. However, duplicate IP prefixes will have an issue when it comes to route-leaking between VRFs.

## Router 1

R1(config)#ip vrf CUST-A

R1(config-vrf)#rd 65002:1

R1(config-vrf)#route

R1(config-vrf)#route-target import 65002:1

R1(config-vrf)#route-target export 65002:1

```
R1(config) #ip vrf CUST-A
R1(config-vrf) #rd 65002:1
R1(config-vrf) #route-target import 65002:1
R1(config-vrf) #route-target export 65002:1
R1(config-vrf) #route-target export 65002:1
R1(config-vrf) #exit
R1(config) #
```

## Router2

R4(config)#ip vrf CUST-A

R4(config-vrf)#rd 65002:1

R4(config-vrf)#route-target import 65002:1

R4(config-vrf)#route-target export 65002:1

apply the VRF into the interface facing the CE (customer edge) router.

## **Router1:**

R1(config-if)#ip vrf forwarding CUST-A

 $\%\ Interface\ FastEthernet 0/1\ IP\ address\ 15.15.15.1\ removed\ due\ to\ enabling\ VRF\ CUST-A$ 

R1(config-if)#ip address 15.15.15.1 255.255.255.0

```
R1(config)#int fa0/1
R1(config-if)#ip vrf forwarding CUST-A
R1(config-if)#ip address 15.15.15.1 255.255.255.0
R1(config-if)#
```

## Router 4

R4(config-if)#int fa0/1

R4(config-if)#ip vrf forwarding CUST-A

% Interface FastEthernet0/1 IP address 46.46.4 removed due to enabling VRF CUST-A

R4(config-if)#ip address 46.46.46.4 255.255.255.0

## **Command Explanation**

The VRF name is locally significant. It is not a transitive attribute that will be shared between routers. In fact, in an MPLS VPN network, as long as the RD (Route Distinguisher) and the RT (Route Target) values are configured correctly but the VRF names are different, the MPLS VPN service will work.RD is what Multiprotocol BGP uses to distinguish and makes the route unique. The standard telco practice is to assign a unique RD for every customer. RT on the other hand, is an extended BGP community that marks, tags or classifies the prefix.

The "export" keyword in the command means that the route will be marked and announced out with that value; "import" means put all the routes with that mark, into the VRF's routing table specified above the command.

## 3. Configuration of BGP VPNv4 peering between R1 and R4

VPNv4 is an address-family of Multiprotocol BGP. To explain it simply, VPNv4 is a collection of all routes from different VRFs that were marked with the extended community route-target. This is the address-family where route-leaking can be performed. Route-leaking is simply sharing a route from one VRF to another. Common application for this is, one company wants to connect to another company's servers and they happen to be connected to the same MPLS provider.

## Router 1

R1(config)#router bgp 65001

R1(config-router)#address-family vpnv4

R1(config-router-af)#neigh 4.4.4.4 activate

```
R1(config) #int fa0/1
R1(config-if) #ip vrf forwarding CUST-A
R1(config-if) #ip address 15.15.15.1 255.255.255.0
R1(config-if) #
R1(config-if) #exit
R1(config) #router bgp 65001
R1(config-router) #address-family vpnv4
R1(config-router-af) #neigh 4.4.4.4 active

***R1(config-router-af) #neigh 4.4.4.4 active
R1(config-router-af) #neigh 4.4.4.4 activate
```

R1#sh run | inc router bgp | address-family vpnv4|neigh

```
R1#sh run | inc router bgp | address-family vpnv4|neigh
router bgp 65001
bgp log-neighbor-changes
neighbor 4.4.4.4 remote-as 65001
neighbor 4.4.4.4 update-source Loopback0
neighbor 4.4.4.4 activate
neighbor 4.4.4.4 next-hop-self
address-family vpnv4
neighbor 4.4.4.4 send-community extended
neighbor 15.15.15.5 remote-as 65002
neighbor 15.15.15.5 activate
neighbor 15.15.15.5 as-override
```

## Router 4

R4(config-if)#router bgp 65001

R4(config-router)#address-family vpnv4

R4(config-router-af)#neigh 1.1.1.1 activate

## R4#sh ip bgp vpnv4 all sum

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R4\pmathrmal{*}\sh ip bgp vpnv4 all sum

BGP router identifier 4.4.4.4, local AS number 65001

BGP table version is 7, main routing table version 7

4 network entries using 548 bytes of memory

4 path entries using 272 bytes of memory

4/2 BGP path/bestpath attribute entries using 496 bytes of memory

1 BGP AS-PATH entries using 24 bytes of memory

1 BGP extended community entries using 24 bytes of memory

0 BGP route-map cache entries using 0 bytes of memory

0 BGP filter-list cache entries using 0 bytes of memory

BGP using 1364 total bytes of memory

BGP activity 4/0 prefixes, 4/0 paths, scan interval 15 secs

Neighbor V AS MsgRcvd MsgSent TblVer InQ OutQ Up/Down State/PfxRcd

1.1.1.1 4 65001 143 143 7 0 0 02:18:46 2

46.46.46.66 4 65002 142 142 7 0 0 02:18:57 2
```

## **Command Explanation**

In VPNv4 address-family configuration, you simply issue the neighbor statement and the keyword "activate". The BGP peering configuration needs to be done outside the address-family. The router understands that VPNv4 peering needs to activate extended communities so it automatically configured the statement highlighted above. In regards to the VPNv4 BGP peering, it is not possible to see any prefixes for now since there is no peering yet between the PE s and CEs.

## 4. Configure Peering between PE routers to customer routers

Configure Peering between PE routers R1 and R4 to customer routers CUST\_A-R1 and CUST-A-R2. Announce Loopback 10 and 100 in the CE routers.

## Router 1

R1(config)#router bgp 65001

R1(config-router)#address-family vpnv4

R1(config-router-af)#address-family ipv4 vrf CUST-A

R1(config-router-af)#neighbor 15.15.15.5 remote-as 65002

R1(config-router-af)# neighbor 15.15.15.5 activate

R1(config-router-af)# neighbor 15.15.15.5 as-override

```
R1#config t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
R1(config) #router bgp 65001
R1(config) #router) #address family vpnv4

$ Invalid input detected at '^' marker.
R1(config-router) #address-family vpnv4
R1(config-router) #address-family ipv4 vrf CUST-A

$ Invalid input detected at '^' marker.
R1(config-router-af) #address-family ipv4 vrf CUST-A

$ Invalid input detected at '^' marker.
R1(config-router-af) #address-family ipv4 vrf CUST-A

$ Invalid input detected at '^' marker.
R1(config-router-af) #address-family ipv4 vrf CUST-A

$ Invalid input detected at '^' marker.
R1(config-router-af) #address-family ipv4 vrf CUST-A
R1(config-router-af) #neighbor 15.15.15.5 remote-as 65002
R1(config-router-af) #neighbor 15.15.15.5 activate
R1(config-router-af) #neighbor 15.15.15.5 activate
R1(config-router-af) #exit
R1(config-router-af) #exit
R1(config-router) #exit
R1(config-router) #exit
R1#
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R1#
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CUST\_A-R1(config)#router bgp 65002

CUST\_A-R1(config-router)#neighbor 15.15.15.1 remote-as 65001

CUST\_A-R1(config-router)# network 5.5.5.5 mask 255.255.255.255

CUST\_A-R1(config-router)# network 55.55.55 mask 255.255.255.255

```
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CUST_A-R1#config t

Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.

CUST_A-R1(config) #router bgp 65002

CUST_A-R1(config-router) #neighbor 15.15.15.1 remote-as 65001

CUST_A-R1(config-router) #network 5.5.5.5 mask 255.255.255.255

CUST_A-R1(config-router) #
```

## Router 4

R4(config)#router bgp 65001

R4(config-router)# address-family ipv4 vrf CUST-A

R4(config-router-af)# neighbor 46.46.46.6 remote-as 65002

R4(config-router-af)# neighbor 46.46.46.6 activate

R4(config-router-af)# neighbor 46.46.46.6 as-override

```
R4(config) #router bgp 65001
R4(config-router) #address-family ipv4 vrf CUST-A
R4(config-router-af) #neighbor 46.46.46.6 remote-as 65002
R4(config-router-af) #neighbor 46.46.46.6 activate
R4(config-router-af) #neighbor 46.46.46.6 as-override
```

CUST\_A-R2(config)#router bgp 65002

CUST\_A-R2(config-router)#network 6.6.6.6 mask 255.255.255.255

CUST A-R2(config-router)# network 66.66.66 mask 255.255.255.255

CUST A-R2(config-router)# neighbor 46.46.46.4 remote-as 65001

```
CUST_A-R2(config) #router bgp 65002

CUST_A-R2(config-router) #network 6.6.6.6 mask 255.255.255.255

CUST_A-R2(config-router) #network 66.66.66 mask 255.255.255.255

CUST_A-R2(config-router) #neighbor 46.46.4 remote-as 65001

CUST_A-R2(config-router) #exit

CUST_A-R2(config) #exit

CUST_A-R2(config) #exit

CUST_A-R2#exit

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## **Command Explanation:**

The PE is configured with an "address-family ipv4 vrf" when peering with the CE routers. The "as-override" command replaces the AS of the route to circumvent the BGP loop prevention. BGP loop prevention blocks any route that it receives from an eBGP peer with its own AS (65002 in this case) inside it. The AS for the customer is 65002, but notice the output below, the

PE's replaced the AS to 65001 to enable communication between these two routers with the same AS inside an MPLS cloud. CUST\_A-R2 is now able to see the CUST\_A-R1 routes but with a different AS. Another way to do this is to configure a neighbor statement with "allowas-in" keyword.

However, The BGP-MPLS VPN simulations are directed using two beset interior routing protocol namely EIGRP and OSPF on similar topology as in Fig 1. The rate of a video call call is fixed at 500, 2500 and 4000 calls/hour. Average call duration is set to 10 minutes and the voice flow duration is set to 3 hours. The simulations are beset to measure the voice packet end-to-end delay, voice jitter and mean opinion score as to define the overall video and voice quality in both scenarios during the three following scenarios.

## X. RESULT & ANALYSIS

## R1#show ip bgp vpnv4 vrf CUST-A

## CUST\_A-R1#sh ip bgp

## R4#show ip bgp vpnv4 vrf CUST-A

## CUST\_A-R2#sh ip bgp

## A. Connectivity Verification

CUST\_A-R2#traceroute 55.55.55 source 1100

Type escape sequence to abort.

Tracing the route to 55.55.55.

TABLE II. END-TO-END DELAY BEFORE MPLS

| Route      | Delay 1(s) | Delay 2(s) | Delay 3(s) | Avg. Delay(s) |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 46.46.46.4 | 224        | 428        | 320        | 324           |
| 34.34.34.3 | 1188       | 992        | 1100       | 1093          |
| 23.23.23.2 | 1108       | 992        | 880        | 993           |
| 15.15.15.1 | 880        | 968        | 1172       | 1007          |
| 15.15.15.5 | 888        | 888        | 880        | 885           |

As we can see, there is a full reachability between the CE routers but the trace route shows the path it took inside the service provider core network. This is not an advisable behavior, normally service provider from the customer any information about its core network. Let's configure a way to do that.

R1(config)#no mpls ip propagate-ttl

R4(config)#no mpls ip propagate-ttl

## **Second test**

CUST\_A-R2#traceroute 55.55.55 source 1100

TABLE III. END-TO-END DELAY AFTER MPLS

| Route      | Delay 1(s) | Delay 2(s) | Delay 3(s) | Avg. Delay(s) |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 46.46.46.4 | 268        | 428        | 356        | 351           |
| 15.15.15.1 | 1108       | 1180       | 928        | 1072          |
| 15.15.15.5 | 1072       | 980        | 920        | 961           |

Now, the service provider network has been hidden through the "no mpls ip propagate-ttl" command. It clearly observed that first test shows the path from one customer to another end. In this case, all ip and reach time are shown that is indication of before MPLS deployment. When second test is done after configuring all LER and LSR router, it shows only customer interface. As a result ip addresses are hidden due to MPLS where label is used to increase throughput and decrease RTT and packet loss.

## B. Simulation Result

## 1. End-to-end packet Delay

The amount of time taken for transmitted a packet across a network from source to destination is shown in fig 4-6. The line graph of fig 4 presents the packet delay for 500 calls per/hours using oth EIGRP and OSPF. Initially, the delay is same for both protocols that is almost zero but it is tart to increase suddenly at 890s for eigrp whereas ospf is remain unchanged.

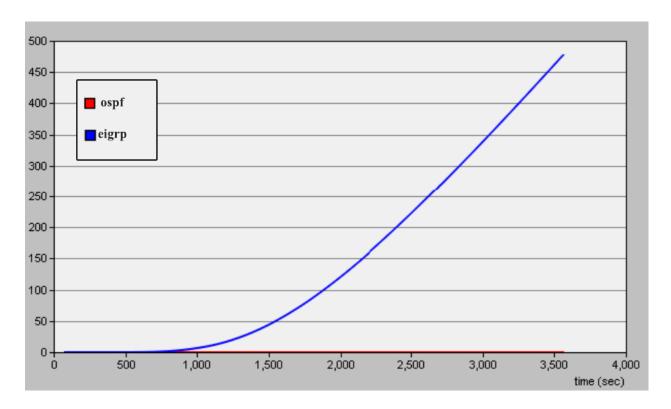


Fig. 2. Traffic Delay (sec) for 500 video calls/hour

Similarly, the fig 5 shows that the traffic delay for 2500 calls per hour where delay is start to increase immediately after 960s for eigrp protocol whereas ospf shows regular zero all most. In the same way, fig 6 represents the packet delay for 4000 calls per hour. In this case, eigrp protocol offers a little change that delay is start a bit later to go to pick of 990s but delay for ospf protocol is still zero for this large traffic too.

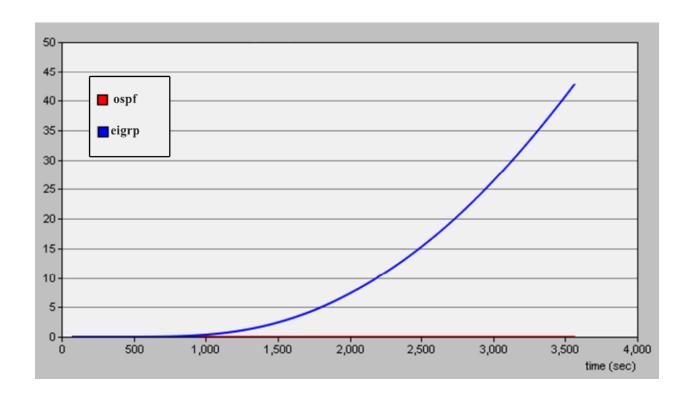


Fig. 2. Traffic Delay (sec) for 2500 video calls/hour

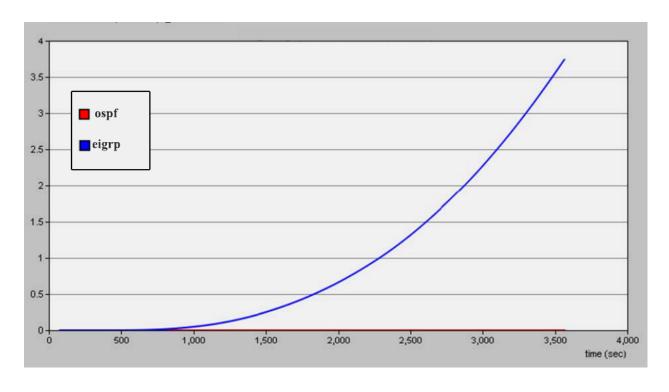


Fig. 2. Traffic Delay (sec) for 4000 video calls/hour

## 2. Jitter

Time difference between two frames due to transmission latency is shown in fig 3-6,

Jitter for 500 calls per hour is shown in fig where jitter is start to happen from less than

500s for eigrp whereas ospf is remaining unchanged to last the frame.

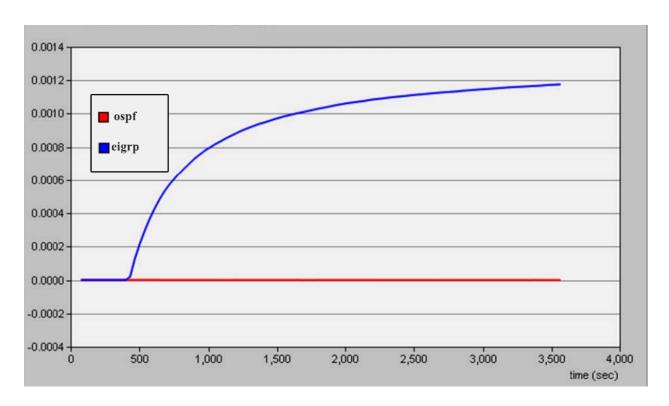


Fig: Jitter (sec.) for 500 calls/hour

In the same manner, jitter for 2500 calls per hour is shown in fig 8 where jitter is start to increase from 480s and it became saturated after a while in eigrp protocol, but almost zero jitter is experienced though a little changed happens initially while same setup ran with ospf protocol. Again, fig 9 is shows the jitter for 4000 calls per hour where jitter goes high quickly at little bit earlier than previous experiment which is 470s whereas ospf is still unchanged.

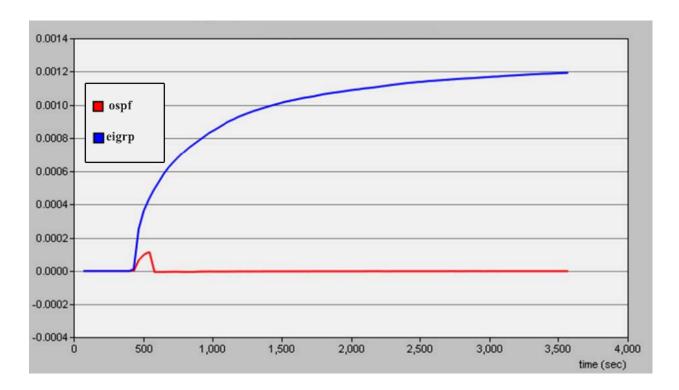


Fig: Jitter (sec.) for 2500 calls/hour

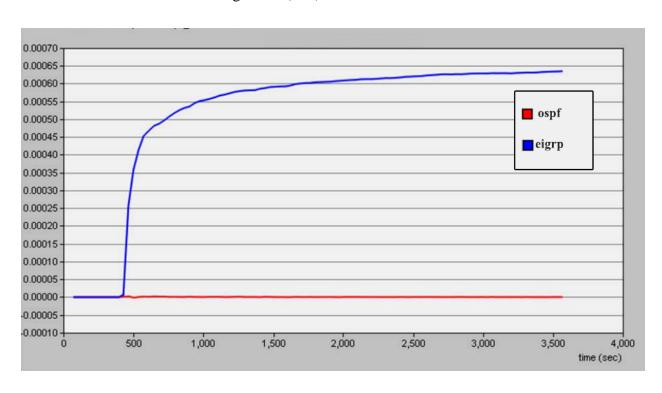


Fig: Jitter (sec.) for 4000 calls/hour

## 3. Mean Opinion Score (MOS)

In voice communications, particularly Internet telephony, the mean opinion score (MOS) provides a numerical measure of the quality of human speech at the destination end of the circuit [8]. MOS scores are shown below according to this experimental sequence. However, fig 10 displays the mos score for 500 calls per hour where score is start to drop for both eigrp and ospf at the same time which is less than 500s from 3.7 units of mos and it does not recovered until simulation end.

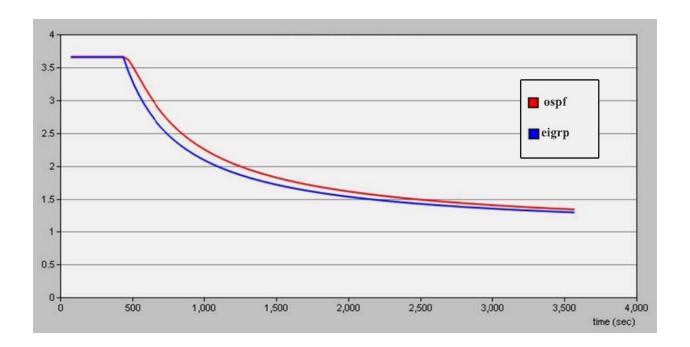


Fig: MOS (score) for 500 calls/hour

In the same fashion, the mos score for 2500 calls per hour is shows in fig 11 where score is start to drop from the 3.55 units when time was less than 500s for both eigrp and ospf. Finally, fig 12 displays the mos score for 4000 calls per hour where score is again start to go down from the 3.6 units at 480s. Worth mentioning that it is true indeed in case of both eigrp and ospf protocols.

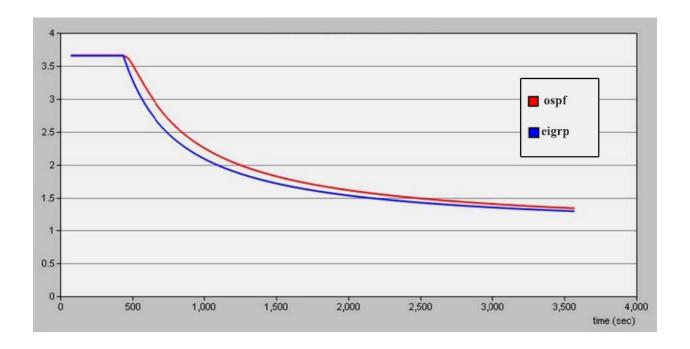


Fig: MOS (score) for 2500 calls/hour

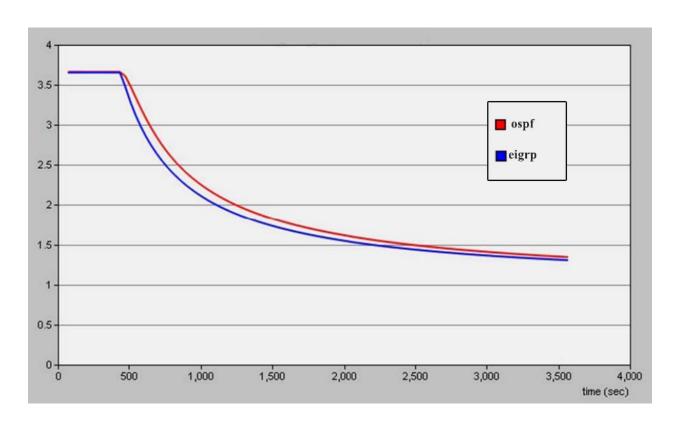


Fig: MOS (score) for 4000 calls/hour

## XI. RELATED WORKS

So far many research has been done on video conferencing multi-cast and broadcast over MPLS are [9],[10] and [11] but few of them are comparison study among router protocols in MPLS VPN [1]-[4] and [12]. Relative comparison of network model infrastructure for delivering data over MPLS networks [2]-[4] shows MPLS perform better. Among many performance metric, end to end delay is considered in the paper [4][13], jitter cite5and [14], voice packet delay variation is shown, voice packet send and receive [4], packet loss[6], throughput putc[14] and MOS[15] and [16]. In video conferencing, performance measures shown in case of voice codec in paper [2] and [3]. However, G.711 is used as most popular codec for VoIP call in [17], [18] that is also discussed about security in multimedia communication. How many types of routing protocols is implemented in VoIP application is shown in paper [6]-[13]. Comparison of many well-known routing protocols such as RIP, OSPF and EIGRP is presented in the paper [16]-[19]. Determining the best routing protocol is complex task, here they are discussed how can it does easily based on convergence time and queueing delay in the paper [7] and [13].

#### XII. CONCLUSION

This paper introduced a performance evaluation of video conferencing application using two different routing protocol respectively eigrp and ospf over MPLS VPN network. The empirical simulation result shows that router configuration on each provider router is successfully done and it can hide the PE router while data is traversing router to router. Moreover, It is clearly observed that the best performance is recorded in case of ospf protocols in every scenarios. We have plan to continue our research in large scale in future.

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