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Within this document, PCEP communications are described through PCC-PCE relationship. The PCE architecture also supports the PCE-PCE communication, by having the requesting PCE fill the role of a PCC, as usual. Thus, the PCC refers to a PCC or a PCE initiating the PCEP session and acting as a client.

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The PCEP speaker MAY discover that the PCEP peer supports PCEPS or can be preconfigured to use PCEPS for a given peer (see Section 4 for more details). Securing via TLS of an existing PCEP session is not permitted, the session MUST be closed and re-established with TLS as per the procedure described in this document.

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If the PCEP speaker that does not support PCEPS, receives a StartTLS message, it MUST behave according to the existing error mechanism described in section 6.2 of [RFC5440] (in case message is received prior to an Open message) or section 6.9 of [RFC5440] (for the case of reception of unknown message).

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If a PCC that supports PCEPS connection as well as allow non-PCEPS connection (as a local policy), it MUST first try to establish PCEPS, by sending StartTLS message and in case it receives an PCErr from the PCE, it MAY retry to establish connection without PCEPS by sending an Open message. If a PCE that supports PCEPS connection as well as allow non-PCEPS connection (as a local policy), it MUST wait to respond after TCP establishment, based on the message received from the PCC. In case of StartTLS message, PCE responds with sending StartTLS message and moving to TLS establishment procedures as described in this document. In case of Open message, PCE responds with Open message and move to PCEP session establishment procedure as per [RFC5440].

After the exchange of StartTLS messages, if a PCEP speaker cannot establish a TLS connection for some reason (e.g. the required mechanisms for certificate revocation checking are not available), it MUST return a PCErr message (in clear) with Error-Type set to [TBA2 by IANA] (PCEP StartTLS failure) and Error-value set to:

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Once the TCP connection has been successfully established and the StartTLS message sent, the sender MUST start a timer called StartTLSWait timer, after the expiration of which, if no StartTLS message has been received, it MUST send a PCErr message and releases the TCP connection with Error-Type set to [TBA2 by IANA] and Error-value set to 5 (no StartTLS message received before the expiration of the StartTLSWait timer). A RECOMMENDED value for StartTLSWait timer is 60 seconds.

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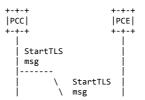
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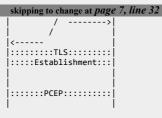
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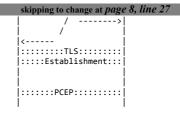


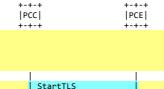
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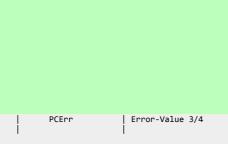
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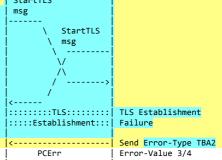
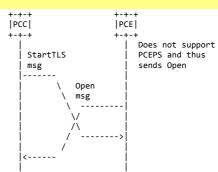


Figure 2: Both PCEP Speaker supports PCEPS, But cannot establish TLS

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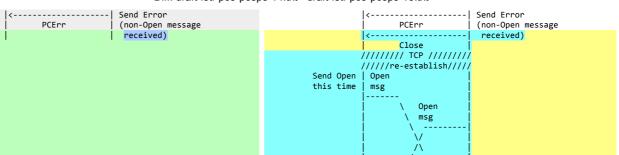
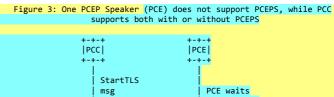


Figure 3: One PCEP Speaker does not support PCEPS



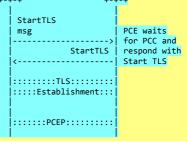


Figure 4: Both PCEP Speaker supports PCEPS as well as without PCEPS

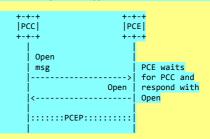


Figure 5: PCE supports PCEPS as well as without PCEPS, while PCC does not support PCEPS

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Once the TLS connection has been successfully established, the PCEP speaker MUST start the OpenWait timer [RFC5440], after the expiration of which, if no Open message has been received, it sends a PCErr message and releases the TCP/TLS connection.

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- o Peer's fully qualified domain name (FQDN)
- o Certificate Fingerprint
- o Issuer
- o Subject
- o All X509v3 Extended Key Usage
- o All X509v3 Subject Alternative Name
- o All X509v3 Certificate Policies

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4. Discovery Mechanisms

A PCE can advertise its capability to support PCEPS using the IGP advertisement and discovery mechanism. The PCE-CAP-FLAGS sub-TLV is an optional sub-TLV used to advertise PCE capabilities. It MAY be present within the PCE Discovery (PCED) sub-TLV carried by OSPF or IS-IS. [RFC5088] and [RFC5089] provide the description and processing rules for this sub-TLV when carried within OSPF and IS-IS, respectively. PCE capability bits are defined in [RFC5088]. A new capability flag bit for the PCE-CAP-FLAGS sub-TLV that can be announced as attribute to distribute PCEP security support information is proposed in [I-D.wu-pce-discovery-pceps-support]

When DNS is used by a PCC (or a PCE acting as a client, for the rest of the section, PCC refers to both) willing to use PCEPS to locate an appropriate PCE [I-D.wu-pce-dns-pce-discovery], the PCC as an initiating entity, chooses at least one of the returned FQDNs to resolve, which it does by performing DNS "A" or "AAAA" lookups on the FDQN. This will eventually result in an IPv4 or IPv6 address. The PCC SHALL use the IP address(es) from the successfully resolved FDQN (with the corresponding port number returned by the DNS Service Record (SRV) lookup) as the connection address(es) for the receiving

If the PCC fails to connect using an IP address but the "A" or "AAAA" lookups returned more than one IP address, then the PCC SHOULD use the next resolved IP address for that FDQN as the connection address. If the PCC fails to connect using all resolved IP addresses for a given FDQN, then it SHOULD repeat the process of resolution and connection for the next FQDN returned by the SRV lookup based on the priority and weight.

If the PCC receives a response to its SRV query but it is not able to establish a PCEPS connection using the data received in the response, as initiating entity it MAY fall back to lookup a PCE that uses TCP as transport.

4.1. DANE Applicability

DANE [RFC6698] defines a secure method to associate the certificate that is obtained from a TLS server with a domain name using DNS, i.e., using the TLSA DNS resource record (RR) to associate a TLS server certificate or public key with the domain name where the record is found, thus forming a "TLSA certificate association". The DNS information needs to be protected by DNS Security (DNSSEC). A PCC willing to apply DANE to verify server identity MUST conform to

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4. Discovery Mechanisms

This document does not specify any discovery mechanism for support of PCEPS. Other documents, [I-D.wu-pce-discovery-pceps-support] and [I-D.wu-pce-dns-pce-discovery] have made proposals:

- O A PCE can advertise its capability to support PCEPS using the IGP's advertisement mechanism of the PCE discovery information. The PCE-CAP-FLAGS sub-TLV is an optional sub-TLV used to advertise PCE capabilities. It is present within the PCE Discovery (PCED) sub-TLV carried by OSPF or IS-IS. [RFC5088] and [RFC5089] provide the description and processing rules for this sub-TLV when carried within OSPF and IS-IS, respectively. PCE capability bits are defined in [RFC5088]. A new capability flag bit for the PCE-CAP-FLAGS sub-TLV that can be announced as an attribute to distribute PCEP security support information is proposed in [I-D.wu-pce-discovery-pceps-support].
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Backward Compatibility

The procedures described in this document define a security container for the transport of PCEP requests and replies carried by a TLS connection initiated by means of a specific extended message (StartTLS) that does not interfere with PCEP speaker implementations not supporting it.

If a PCEP implementation that does not support PCEPS receives a StartTLS message, it would behave according to the existing error mechanism of [RFC5440].

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Backward Compatibility

The procedures described in this document define a security container for the transport of PCEP requests and replies carried by a TLS connection initiated by means of a specific extended message (StartTLS) that does not interfere with PCEP speaker implementations not supporting it.

If a PCEP implementation that does not support PCEPS receives a StartTLS message, it would behave according to the existing error mechanism of [RFC5440]. On receiving the error, based on the local policy, a peer could try to establishing PCEP session without TLS as per the procedures defined in [RFC5440]. For successful TLS

operations with PCEP, both PCEP peers in the network would need to be upgraded to support this document.

An existing PCEP session cannot be upgraded to PCEPS, the session needs to be terminated and reestablished as per the procedure described in this document. During the incremental upgrade, the PCEP speaker SHOULD allow session establishment with and without TLS. Once both PCEP speakers are upgraded to support PCEPS, the PCEP session is re-established with TLS, otherwise PCEP session without TLS is setup. A redundant PCE MAY also be used during the incremental deployment to take over the PCE undergoing upgrade. Once the upgrade is completed, support for unsecured version SHOULD be

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Value Description Reference TBA1 The Start TLS Message (StartTLS) This document

6.2. New Error-Values

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		1:Reception of	This document
		StartTLS after any PCEP exchange	
		<pre>2:Reception of any other message apart from StartTLS,</pre>	This document
		Open or PCErr	
		3:Failure, connection without TLS not possible	This document
		4:Failure, connection without TLS possible	This document
		5:No StartTLS message	This document
		before StartTLSWait timer expiry	

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A PCEP implementation SHOULD allow configuring the following PCEP security parameters:

o StartTLSWait timer value

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Further, the operator needs to develop suitable security policies around PCEP within his network. Further the PCEP peers SHOULD provide ways for the operator to complete the following tasks:

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- Determine the version of TLS, the mechanism used for authentication, and the ciphersuite in use.
- Determine if the certificate could not be verified, and the reason for this circumstance.
- o Inspect the certificate offered by the PCEP peer.
- Be warned if StartTLS procedure fails for the PCEP peers, that are known to support PCEPS, via configurations or capability advertisements.
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The PCEP MIB module SHOULD be extended to include PCEPS capabilities,

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The PCEP MIB module is defined in [RFC7420]. The MIB module could be

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information, and status.

An implementation SHOULD allow the operator to configure the PCEPS capability and various TLS related parameters, as well as allow to view the current TLS status for a PCEP session. To serve this purpose, the PCEP YANG module [I-D.ietf-pce-pcep-yang] can be extended to include TLS related configuration and state.

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] and [RFC5246].

8.4. Verify Correct Operations

A PCEPS implementation SHOULD log error events and provide PCEPS failure statistics with reasons.

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 Operation

Mechanisms defined in this document do not have any significant impact on network operations in addition to those already listed in [RFC5440], and the policy and management implications discussed above.

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extended to include the ability to view the PCEPS capability, TLS
related information as well as TLS status for each PCEP peer.

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