

Export of Segment Routing IPv6 Information in IPFIX

draft-tgraf-opsawg-ipfix-srv6-srh

Enabling insights in SRv6 forwarding plane
by adding Segment Routing dimensions

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MPLS-SR @ IPFIX

Adressed with RFC 9160 @ OPSAWG

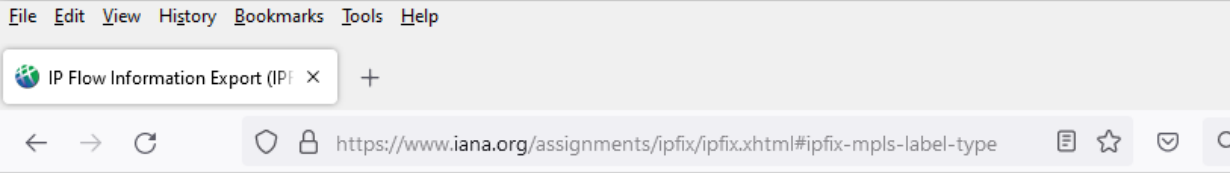
- In MPLS-SR the data-plane is still the same as in MPLS. **Only the routing protocol providing the label changes.**
- IE70 mplsTopLabelStackSection is the top label FEC used to forward. Each following label in the label stack is **decomposed in IE71-79 separately.**

```

      0      1      2
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3
+-----+-----+-----+
|                               | Exp | S |
+-----+-----+-----+
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Label: Label Value, 20 bits
Exp: Experimental Use, 3 bits
S: Bottom of Stack, 1 bit

- IE47 mplsTopLabelIPv4Address is the top label IP address where the traffic is forwarded to.
- IE46 mplsTopLabelType describes from which routing protocol the top label IP address and label is coming from. **Updated with RFC 9160 to cover MPLS-SR routing protocols.**



IPFIX MPLS label type (Value 46)

Registration Procedure(s)
Expert Review

Expert(s)
IE Doctors

Reference
[RFC7012]

Available Formats
CSV

Value	Description	Reference
0	Unknown: The MPLS label type is not known.	[RFC3954][ipfix-iana_at_cisco.com]
1	TE-MIDPT: Any TE tunnel mid-point or tail label	[RFC5102]
2	Pseudowire: Any PWE3 or Cisco AToM based label	[RFC5102]
3	VPN: Any label associated with VPN	[RFC5102][RFC4364]
4	BGP: Any label associated with BGP or BGP routing	[RFC5102][RFC4271]
5	LDP: Any label associated with dynamically assigned labels using LDP	[RFC5102][RFC5036]
6	Path Computation Element	[RFC9160][RFC8664]
7	OSPFv2 Segment Routing	[RFC9160][RFC8665]
8	OSPFv3 Segment Routing	[RFC9160][RFC8666]
9	IS-IS Segment Routing	[RFC9160][RFC8667]
10	BGP Segment Routing Prefix-SID	[RFC9160][RFC8669]
11-255	Unassigned	

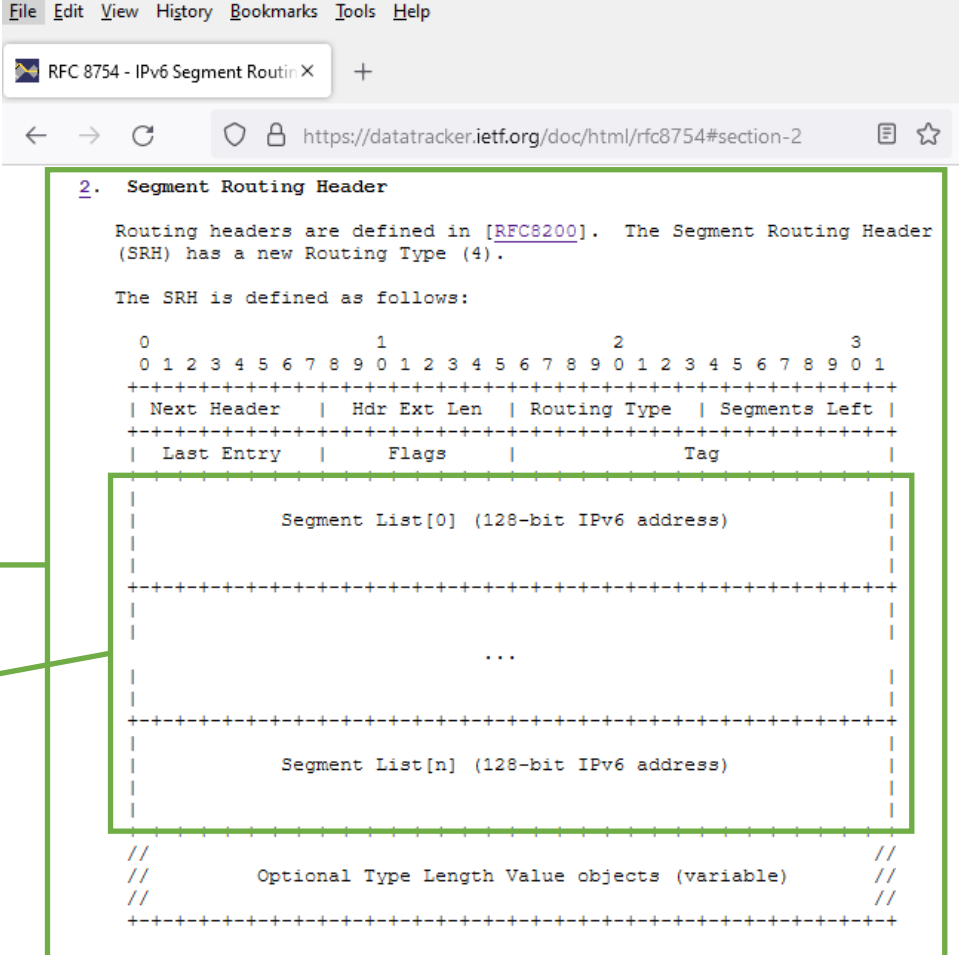
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- SRv6 is already deployed at network operators (draft-matsushima-spring-srv6-deployment-status). Unaware of any network operator migrated from MPLS to SRv6 yet.

-> **Feedback welcome**

- Data-Plane visibility is missing in SRv6. Unable to see how much traffic is being forwarded or dropped with which SID. Network operators flying blind.
- Segment Routing Header is defined in Section 2 of RFC 8754.
- Segment List doesn't change with draft-ietf-spring-srv6-srh-compression. It is still IPv6 addressed. Context to routing protocol however is important to understand decomposition.



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the RFC 8754 - IPv6 Segment Routing Header section 2. The page title is "RFC 8754 - IPv6 Segment Routing Header". The URL is "https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc8754#section-2". The section is titled "2. Segment Routing Header". The text describes the SRH structure and the Segment List. The Segment List is shown as a list of 128-bit IPv6 addresses, with the first entry labeled "Segment List[0] (128-bit IPv6 address)" and the last entry labeled "Segment List[n] (128-bit IPv6 address)". The Segment List is enclosed in a green box. The text "Optional Type Length Value objects (variable)" is also visible at the bottom of the Segment List box.

```
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
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Next Header | Hdr Ext Len | Routing Type | Segments Left |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Last Entry  | Flags       | Tag           |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+

Segment List[0] (128-bit IPv6 address)

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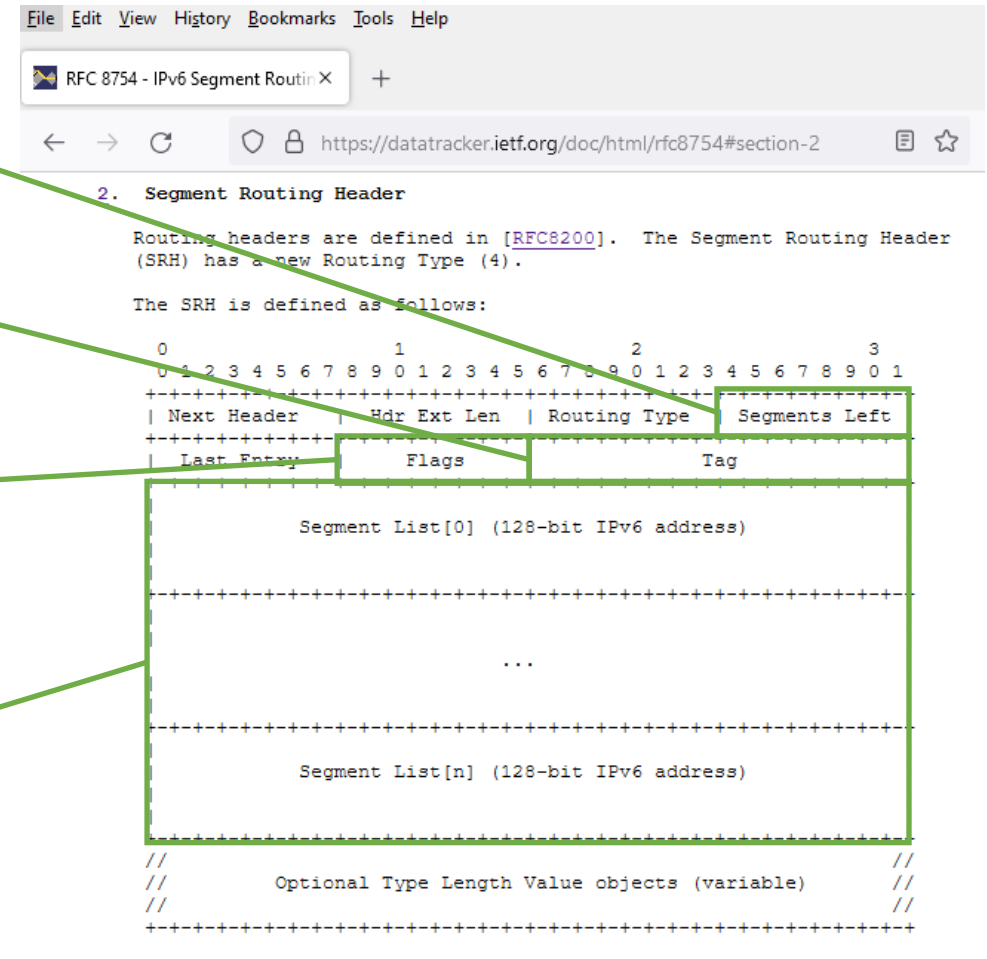
Segment List[n] (128-bit IPv6 address)

//
// Optional Type Length Value objects (variable)
//
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- **ipv6SRHSegmentsLeft**
8-bit unsigned integer defining the number of route segments remaining to reach the end of the segment list.
- **ipv6SRHTag**
16-bit tag field defined in the SRH that marks a packet as part of a class or group of packets sharing the same set of properties.
- **ipv6SRHFlags**
8-bit flags defined in the SRH.
- **ipv6SRHSegment**
128-bit IPv6 address that represents an SRv6 segment.
- **ipv6SRHSegmentBasicList**
Ordered basicList [RFC6313] of zero or more 128-bit IPv6 addresses in the SRH that represents the SRv6 segment list. The Segment List is encoded starting from the active segment of the SR Policy.



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- **ipv6SRHSection**

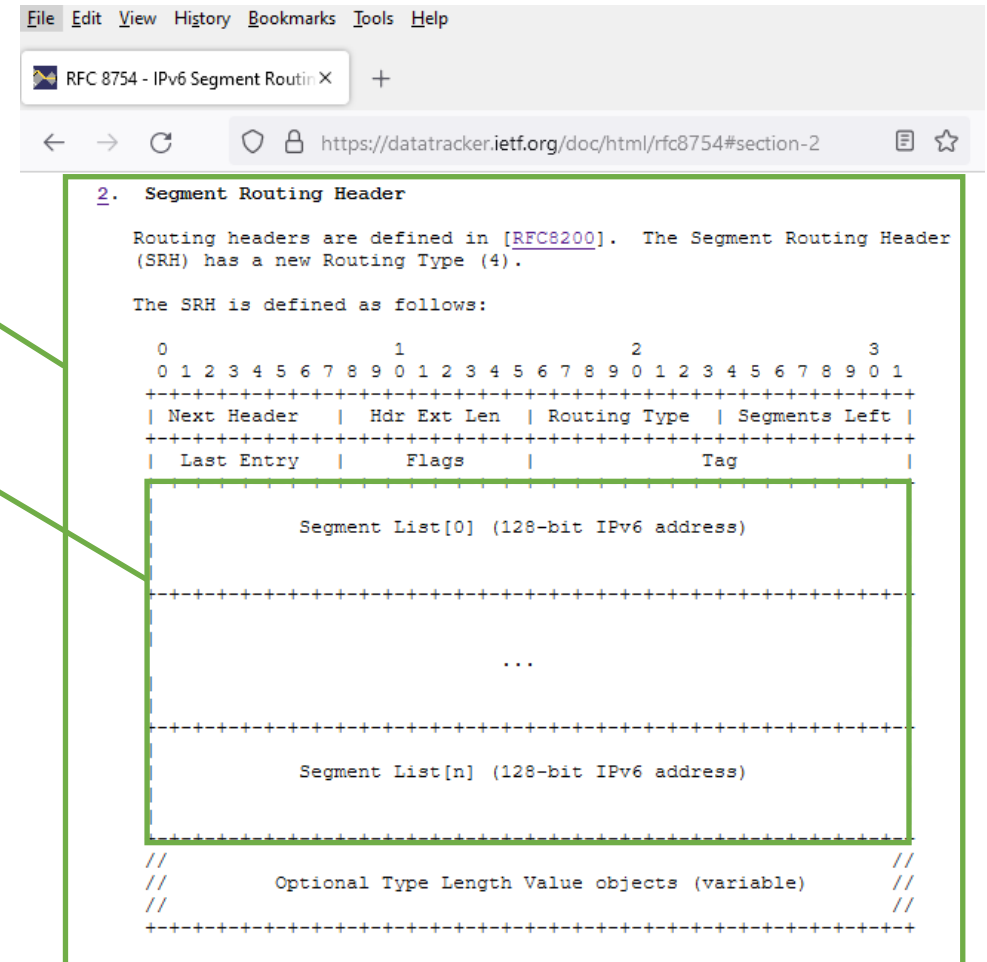
Exposes the SRH and its TLV's as defined in section 2 of [RFC8754] as series of n octets.

- **ipv6SRHSegmentListSection**

Exposes the SRH Segment List as defined in section 2 of [RFC8754] as series of n octets.

- **ipv6SRHSegmentType**

Name of the routing protocol or PCEP extension from where the active SRv6 segment has been learned from.



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Draft Status

- Feedback collected from SPRING, OPSAWG and IPFIX doctor.
- ipv6SRHSection and ipv6SRHSegmentListSection added to allow export of entire SRH and Segment List in one IPFIX entity.
- ipv6SRHSegmentsLeft added to express at which position of the Segment List the forwarding happens.
- Added operational considerations section to describe when ipv6SRHSection and ipv6SRHSegmentListSection makes sense.
- Updated IANA considerations to be in line with RFC 8126.
- The document doesn't introduce any new protocols. It is for documentation purposes. However, because new IPFIX registries are introduced, it is required to be an Internet standard document.
- Authors believe that document should progress quickly through IETF to avoid private enterprise code points being used in SRv6 deployments.

-> Call for adoption at OPSAWG at IETF 113

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