

Export of Segment Routing IPv6 Information in IPFIX

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Enabling insights in SRv6 forwarding plane
by adding Segment Routing dimensions

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Data-Plane visibility is missing in SRv6

- SRv6 is already deployed at network operators ([draft-matsushima-spring-srv6-deployment-status](#)). If you know any other network operator which 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.

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RFC 8754 - IPv6 Segment Routing

https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc8754#section-2

2. Segment Routing Header

Routing headers are defined in [RFC8200]. The Segment Routing Header (SRH) has a new Routing Type (4).

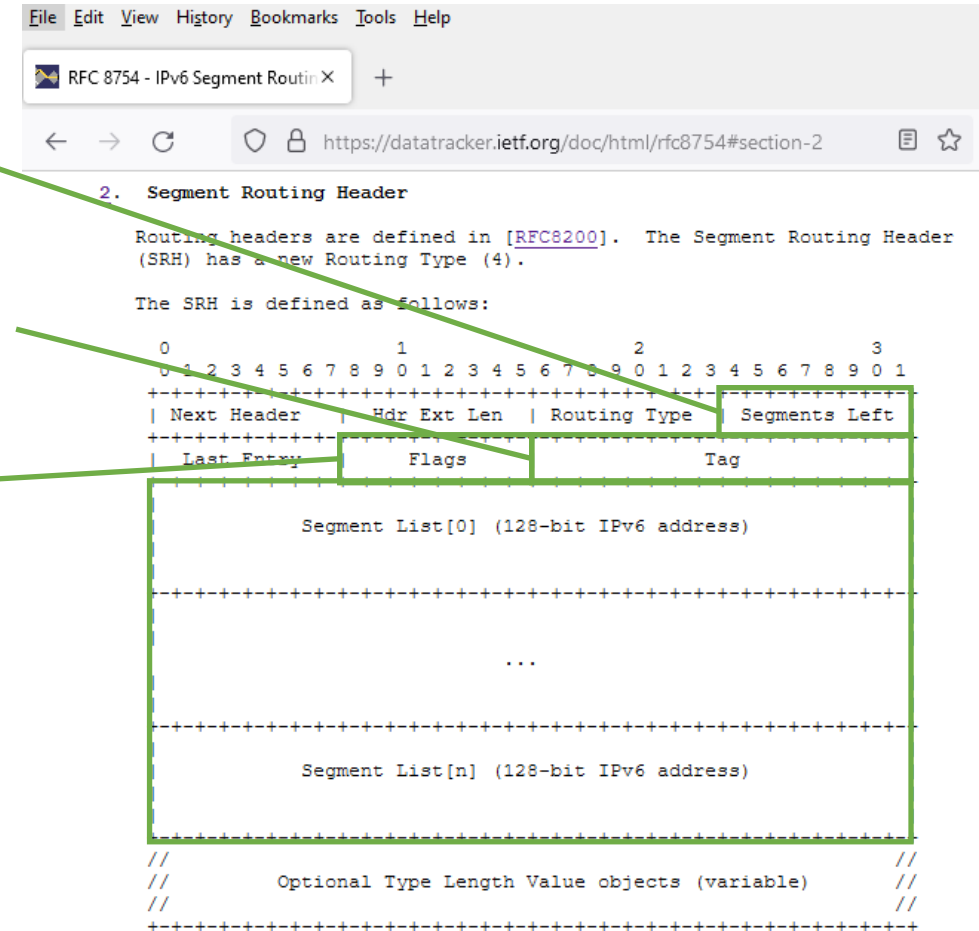
The SRH is defined as follows:

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
Next Header								Hdr Ext Len								Routing Type								Segments Left							
Last Entry								Flags								Tag															
Segment List[0] (128-bit IPv6 address)																															
...																															
Segment List[n] (128-bit IPv6 address)																															
//																															
// Optional Type Length Value objects (variable)																															
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IPFIX entities in context of the SRH (1)

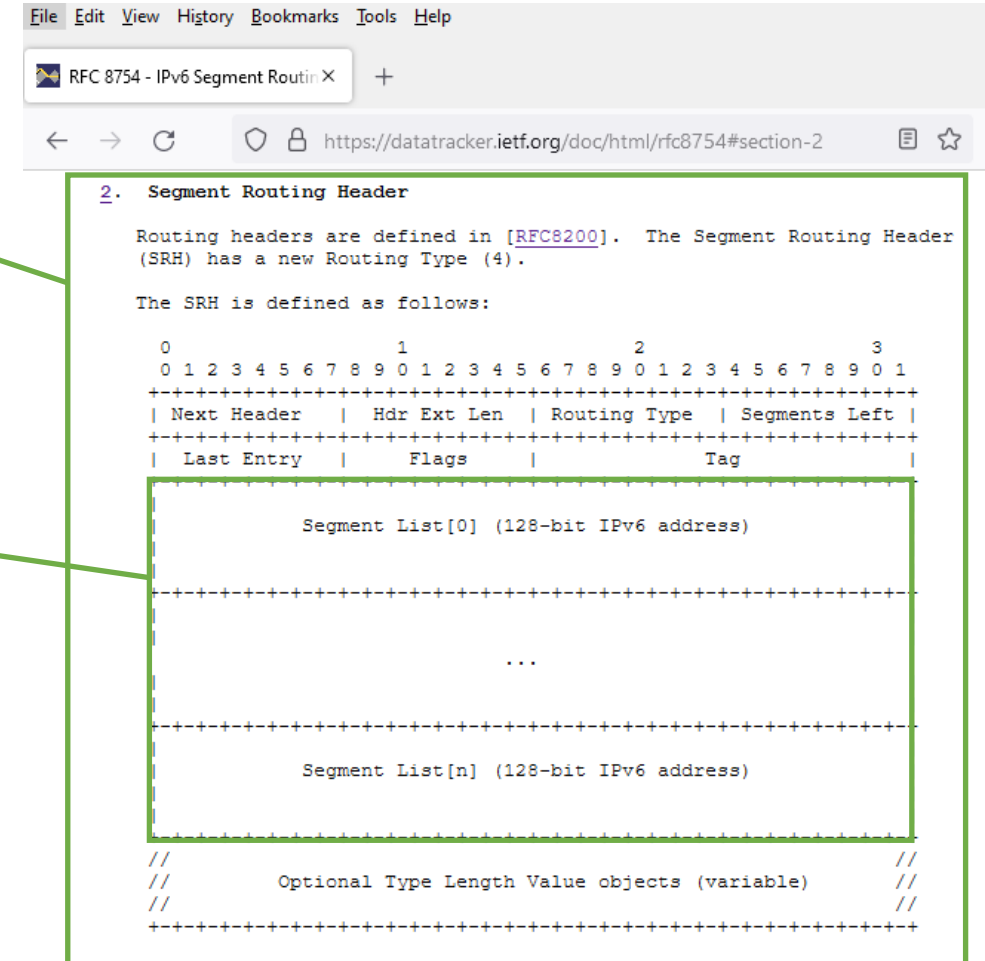
- **srhSegmentIPv6sLeft**
8-bit unsigned integer defining the number of route segments remaining to reach the end of the segment list.
- **srhTagIPv6**
16-bit tag field defined in the SRH that marks a packet as part of a class or group of packets sharing the same set of properties.
- **srhFlagsIPv6**
8-bit flags defined in the SRH.
- **srhActiveSegmentIPv6Type**
Name of the routing protocol or PCEP extension from where the active SRv6 segment has been learned from.
- **srhSegmentLocatorLength**
The number of significant bits. Together with srhSegmentIPv6 it enables the calculation of the SRv6 Locator.
- **srhSegmentEndpointBehavior**
16-bit unsigned integer that represents a SRv6 Endpoint behavior.



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IPFIX entities in context of the SRH (2)

- **srhSectionIPv6**
Exposes the SRH and its TLV's as defined in section 2 of [RFC8754] as series of n octets.
- **srhSegmentIPv6ListSection**
Exposes the SRH Segment List as defined in section 2 of [RFC8754] as series of n octets.
- **srhSegmentIPv6**
128-bit IPv6 address that represents an SRv6 segment.
- **srhActiveSegmentIPv6**
128-bit IPv6 address that represents the active SRv6 segment.
- **srhSegmentIPv6BasicList**
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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Draft Status

- Received comments from SPRING, OPSAWG and other network operators.
- **Addressed all open issues** and double-checked the IANA consideration section with the IPFIX doctors.
- Added "Compressed SRv6 Segment List Decomposition" in operational consideration section
- **srhSegmentLocatorLength** and **srhSegmentEndpointBehavior** has been added and included in the use case and operational section description
- Aligned IE naming according to <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc7012#section-2.3>
- Updated srhFlagsIPv6 registry
- Added data-template and data-record examples for srhSegmentIPv6ListSection and srhSectionIPv6 in example section

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Next Steps

- **Missing SRv6 data-plane visibility is a recognized problem.**
- **2 vendors validated technical feasibility and working on implementations.**
- INSA Lyon working on running open-source code in FD.io VPP. **Will be shown at IETF 115 hackathon.**
- The authors believe that document should progress quickly through IETF to avoid private enterprise code points being used in SRv6 deployments.
- **The authors would like to go call for adoption (was already requested at IETF 113)**

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