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A YANG Data Model for Dual-Stack Lite (DS-Lite)

Abstract

This document defines a YANG module for the Dual-Stack Lite (DS-Lite) Address Family Transition Router (AFTR) and Basic Bridging BroadBand (B4) elements.

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1. Introduction

This document defines a data model for DS-Lite [RFC6333], using the YANG data modeling language [RFC7950]. Both the Address Family Transition Router (AFTR) and Basic Bridging BroadBand (B4) elements are covered by this specification.

Figure 1 is a slight adaptation of Figure 1 from RFC 6333 and is provided here for the convenience of the reader.

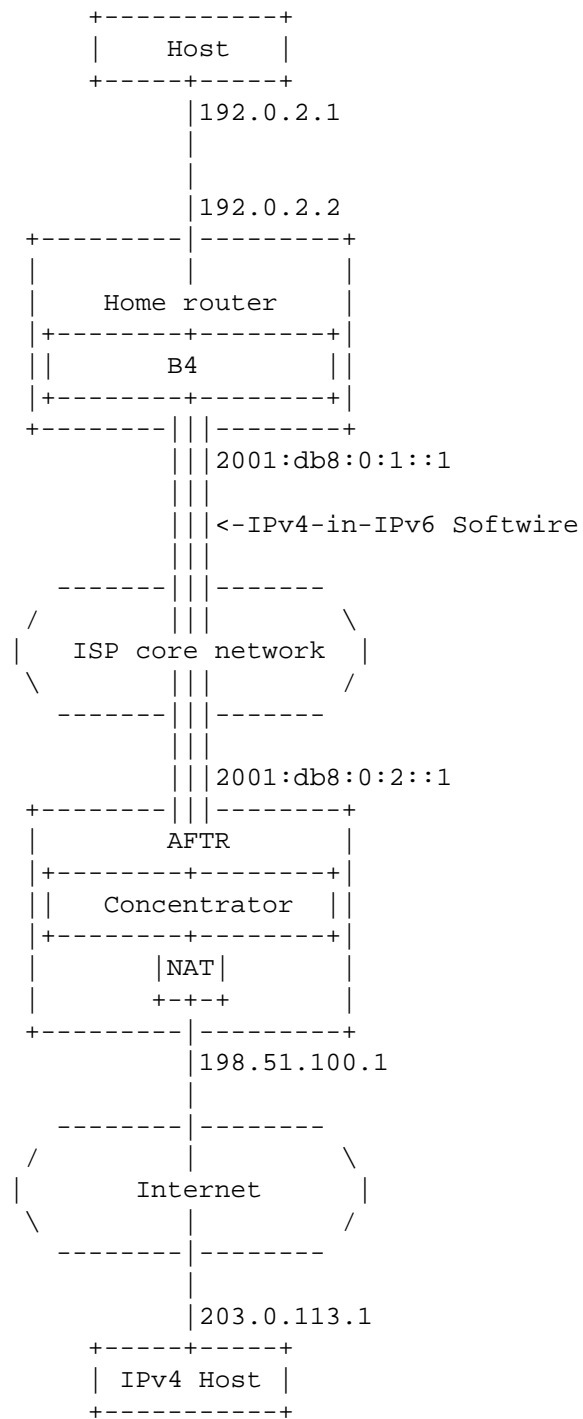


Figure 1: DS-Lite Base Architecture

DS-Lite deployment considerations are discussed in [RFC6908].

This document follows the guidelines of [RFC8407], uses the common YANG types defined in [RFC6991], and adopts the Network Management Datastore Architecture (NMDA) [RFC8342].

1.1. Terminology

This document makes use of the terms defined in [Section 3 of \[RFC6333\]](#).

The terminology for describing YANG data models is defined in [RFC7950].

The meaning of the symbols in tree diagrams is defined in [RFC8340].

2. DS-Lite YANG Module: An Overview

As shown in Figure 1:

- o The AFTR element is a combination of an IPv4-in-IPv6 tunnel and a NATP function ([Section 2.2 of \[RFC3022\]](#)).
- o The B4 element is an IPv4-in-IPv6 tunnel.

Therefore, the DS-Lite YANG module is designed to augment both the Interfaces YANG module [RFC8343] and the NAT YANG module [RFC8512] with DS-Lite-specific features.

The YANG "feature" statement is used to distinguish which of the DS-Lite elements ('aftr' or 'b4') is relevant for a specific data node.

Concretely, the DS-Lite YANG module (Figure 2) augments the Interfaces YANG module with the following:

- o An IPv6 address used by the tunnel endpoint (AFTR or B4) for sending and receiving IPv4-in-IPv6 packets (ipv6-address).
- o An IPv4 address that is used by the tunnel endpoint (AFTR or B4) for troubleshooting purposes (ipv4-address).
- o An IPv6 address used by a B4 element to reach its AFTR (aftr-ipv6-addr).
- o The tunnel MTU used to avoid fragmentation (tunnel-mtu).

- o A policy to instruct the tunnel endpoint (AFTR or B4) whether it must preserve Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) marking when encapsulating/decapsulating packets (v6-v4-dscp-preservation).

In addition, the DS-Lite YANG module augments the NAT YANG module (policy, in particular) with the following:

- o A policy to limit the number of DS-Lite softwires per subscriber (max-softwire-per-subscriber).
- o A policy to instruct the AFTR whether a state can be automatically migrated (state-migrate).
- o Further, in order to prevent a Denial of Service (DoS) by frequently changing the source IPv6 address, 'b4-address-change-limit' is used to rate-limit such changes.
- o An instruction to rewrite the TCP Maximum Segment Size (MSS) option (mss-clamping) to avoid TCP fragmentation.

Given that the NAPT table of the AFTR element is extended to include the source IPv6 address of incoming packets, the DS-Lite YANG module augments the NAPT44 mapping entry with the following:

- o b4-ipv6-address, which is used to record the source IPv6 address of a packet received from a B4 element. This IPv6 address is required to disambiguate between the overlapping IPv4 address space of subscribers.
- o The value of the Traffic Class field in the IPv6 header as received from a B4 element (v6-dscp): This information is used to preserve DSCP marking when encapsulating/decapsulating at the AFTR.
- o The IPv4 DSCP marking of the IPv4 packet received from a B4 element (internal-v4-dscp): This information can be used by the AFTR for setting the DSCP of packets relayed to a B4 element.
- o The IPv4 DSCP marking as set by the AFTR in its external interface (external-v4-dscp): An AFTR can be instructed to preserve the same marking or to set it to another value when forwarding an IPv4 packet destined to a remote IPv4 host.

Access Control List (ACL) and Quality-of-Service (QoS) policies discussed in [Section 2.5 of \[RFC6908\]](#) are out of scope. A YANG module for ACLs is documented in [\[ACL-YANG\]](#).

Likewise, considerations that are related to the Port Control Protocol (PCP) and discussed in [Section 8.5 of \[RFC6333\]](#) are out of scope. A YANG module for PCP is documented in [\[YANG-PCP\]](#).

The YANG module "ietf-dslite" has the following structure:

```

module: ietf-dslite
  augment /if:interfaces/if:interface:
    +--rw ipv6-address?          inet:ipv6-address
    +--rw ipv4-address?          inet:ipv4-address
    +--rw aftr-ipv6-addr?        inet:ipv6-address {b4}?
    +--rw tunnel-mtu?            uint16
    +--rw v6-v4-dscp-preservation? boolean
  augment /nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance/nat:policy:
    +--rw max-software-per-subscriber? uint8 {aftr}?
    +--rw state-migrate?           boolean {aftr}?
    +--rw b4-address-change-limit?  uint32 {aftr}?
    +--rw mss-clamping {aftr}?
      +--rw enable?               boolean
      +--rw mss-value?            uint16
  augment /nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance
    /nat:mapping-table/nat:mapping-entry:
    +--rw b4-ipv6-address {aftr}?
      | +--rw address?            inet:ipv6-address
      | +--rw last-address-change? yang:date-and-time
    +--rw v6-dscp?                inet:dscp {aftr}?
    +--rw internal-v4-dscp?       inet:dscp {aftr}?
    +--rw external-v4-dscp?       inet:dscp {aftr}?
  augment /nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance
    /nat:statistics/nat:mappings-statistics:
    +--ro active-sofwires?        yang:gauge32 {aftr}?

  notifications:
    +---n b4-address-change-limit-policy-violation {aftr}?
      +--ro id                    -> /nat:nat/instances/instance/id
      +--ro policy-id             -> /nat:nat/instances/instance/policy/id
      +--ro address                inet:ipv6-address

```

Figure 2: DS-Lite YANG Tree Diagram

Examples to illustrate the use of the "ietf-dslite" module are provided in Appendices A and B.

3. DS-Lite YANG Module

This module uses the tunnel interface identity defined in [RFC7224].

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-dslite@2019-01-10.yang"

```
module ietf-dslite {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-dslite";
  prefix dslite;

  import ietf-inet-types {
    prefix inet;
    reference
      "Section 4 of RFC 6991";
  }
  import ietf-interfaces {
    prefix if;
    reference
      "RFC 8343: A YANG Data Model for Interface Management";
  }
  import iana-if-type {
    prefix ianaift;
    reference
      "RFC 7224: IANA Interface Type YANG Module";
  }
  import ietf-nat {
    prefix nat;
    reference
      "RFC 8512: A YANG Module for Network Address Translation (NAT)
        and Network Prefix Translation (NPT)";
  }
  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix yang;
    reference
      "Section 3 of RFC 6991";
  }
}

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description

"This module is a YANG module for DS-Lite AFTR and B4 implementations.

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```
revision 2019-01-10 {
  description
    "Initial revision.";
  reference
    "RFC 8513: A YANG Data Model for Dual-Stack Lite (DS-Lite)";
}

identity dslite {
  base ianaift:tunnel;
  description
    "DS-Lite tunnel.";
}

/*
 * Features
 */

feature b4 {
  description
    "The B4 element is a function implemented on a dual-stack-capable
    node, either a directly connected device or Customer Premises
    Equipment (CPE), that creates a tunnel to an AFTR.";
  reference
    "Section 5 of RFC 6333";
}
```



```
feature aftr {
  description
    "An AFTR element is the combination of an IPv4-in-IPv6 tunnel
    endpoint and an IPv4-IPv4 NAT implemented on the same node.";
  reference
    "Section 6 of RFC 6333";
}

/*
 * Augments
 */

augment "/if:interfaces/if:interface" {
  when 'derived-from(if:type, "dslite")';
  description
    "Augments Interface module with DS-Lite parameters.

    IANA interface types are maintained at this registry:
    <https://www.iana.org/assignments/ianaiftype-mib/>."

    tunnel (131),          -- Encapsulation interface";
  leaf ipv6-address {
    type inet:ipv6-address;
    description
      "IPv6 address of the local DS-Lite endpoint (AFTR or B4).";
    reference
      "RFC 6333: Dual-Stack Lite Broadband Deployments Following
      IPv4 Exhaustion";
  }
  leaf ipv4-address {
    type inet:ipv4-address;
    description
      "IPv4 address of the local DS-Lite AFTR or B4.

      192.0.0.1 is reserved for the AFTR element, while
      192.0.0.0/29 is reserved for the B4 element.

      This address can be used to report ICMP problems and will
      appear in traceroute outputs.";
    reference
      "RFC 6333: Dual-Stack Lite Broadband Deployments Following
      IPv4 Exhaustion";
  }
  leaf aftr-ipv6-addr {
    if-feature "b4";
    type inet:ipv6-address;
    description
      "Indicates the AFTR's IPv6 address to be used by a B4
```

```
        element.";
    reference
        "RFC 6333: Dual-Stack Lite Broadband Deployments Following
        IPv4 Exhaustion";
}
leaf tunnel-mtu {
    type uint16;
    description
        "Configures a tunnel MTU.

        RFC 6908 specifies that since fragmentation and reassembly
        are not optimal, the operator should do everything possible
        to eliminate the need for them. If the operator uses simple
        IPv4-in-IPv6 software, it is recommended that the MTU size
        of the IPv6 network between the B4 and the AFTR account
        for the additional overhead (40 bytes).";
    reference
        "RFC 6908: Deployment Considerations for Dual-Stack Lite";
}
leaf v6-v4-dscp-preservation {
    type boolean;
    description
        "Copies the DSCP value from the IPv6 header, and vice versa.

        According to Section 2.10 of RFC 6908, operators should
        use the uniform model by provisioning the network such
        that the AFTR/B4 copies the DSCP value in the IPv4 header
        to the Traffic Class field in the IPv6 header, after the
        IPv4-in-IPv6 encapsulation.";
    reference
        "Section 2.10 of RFC 6908";
}
}

augment "/nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance/nat:policy" {
    when "derived-from-or-self(/nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance
        + "/nat:type, 'nat:napt44')\"
        + \" and /nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance/\"
        + \"nat:per-interface-binding='dslite'\";
    if-feature \"aftr\";
    description
        \"Augments the NAPT44 module with AFTR parameters.\";
    leaf max-sofwires-per-subscriber {
        type uint8;
        default \"1\";
        description
            \"Configures the maximum softwires per subscriber feature.
```

A subscriber is uniquely identified by means of a subscriber-mask (subscriber-mask-v6).

This policy aims to prevent a misbehaving subscriber from mounting several DS-Lite softwires that would consume additional AFTR resources (e.g., get more external ports if the quota was enforced on a per-softwire basis and consume extra processing due to a large number of active softwires).";

reference

"[Section 4 of RFC 7785](#)";

}

leaf state-migrate {

type boolean;

default "true";

description

"State migration is enabled by default.

In the event a new IPv6 address is assigned to the B4 element, the AFTR should migrate existing state to be bound to the new IPv6 address. This operation ensures that traffic destined to the previous B4's IPv6 address will be redirected to the newer B4's IPv6 address. The destination IPv6 address for tunneling return traffic from the AFTR should be the last seen as the B4's IPv6 source address from the user device (e.g., CPE).

The AFTR uses the subscriber-mask-v6 to determine whether two IPv6 addresses belong to the same CPE (e.g., if the subscriber-mask-v6 is set to 56, the AFTR concludes that 2001:db8:100:100::1 and 2001:db8:100:100::2 belong to the same CPE assigned with 2001:db8:100:100::/56).";

reference

"[RFC 7785](#): Recommendations for Prefix Binding in the Context of Software Dual-Stack Lite";

}

leaf b4-address-change-limit {

type uint32;

units "seconds";

default "1800";

description

"Minimum number of seconds between a successive B4's IPv6 address change from the same prefix.

Changing the source B4's IPv6 address may be used as an attack vector. Packets with a new B4's IPv6 address from the same prefix should be rate-limited.

It is recommended that this rate limit be set to 30 minutes;

```
        other values can be set on a per-deployment basis.";
    reference
        "RFC 7785: Recommendations for Prefix Binding in the Context
        of Softwire Dual-Stack Lite";
}
container mss-clamping {
    description
        "MSS rewriting configuration to avoid IPv6 fragmentation.";
    leaf enable {
        type boolean;
        description
            "Enable/disable MSS rewriting feature.";
    }
    leaf mss-value {
        type uint16;
        units "octets";
        description
            "Sets the MSS value to be used for MSS rewriting.";
    }
}
}

augment "/nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance"
    + "/nat:mapping-table/nat:mapping-entry" {
    when "derived-from-or-self(/nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance
        + "/nat:type, 'nat:napt44')
        + "and /nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance"
        + "/nat:per-interface-binding='dslite'";
    if-feature "aftr";
    description
        "Augments the NAPT44 mapping table with DS-Lite specifics.";
    container b4-ipv6-address {
        description
            "Records the IPv6 address used by a B4 element and the last
            time that address changed.";
        leaf address {
            type inet:ipv6-address;
            description
                "Corresponds to the IPv6 address used by a B4 element.";
            reference
                "RFC 6333: Dual-Stack Lite Broadband Deployments Following
                IPv4 Exhaustion";
        }
        leaf last-address-change {
            type yang:date-and-time;
            description
                "Records the last time that the address changed.";
        }
    }
}
```

```
    }
    leaf v6-dscp {
      when "/if:interfaces/if:interface"
        + "/dslite:v6-v4-dscp-preservation = 'true'";
      type inet:dscp;
      description
        "DSCP value used at the software level (i.e., IPv6 header).";
    }
    leaf internal-v4-dscp {
      when "/if:interfaces/if:interface"
        + "/dslite:v6-v4-dscp-preservation = 'true'";
      type inet:dscp;
      description
        "DSCP value of the encapsulated IPv4 packet.";
    }
    leaf external-v4-dscp {
      when "/if:interfaces/if:interface"
        + "/dslite:v6-v4-dscp-preservation = 'true'";
      type inet:dscp;
      description
        "DSCP value of the translated IPv4 packet as marked by
        the AFTR.";
    }
  }
}

augment "/nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance"
  + "/nat:statistics/nat:mappings-statistics" {
  if-feature "aftr";
  description
    "Indicates the number of active softwires.";
  leaf active-softwires {
    type yang:gauge32;
    description
      "The number of currently active softwires on the AFTR
      instance.";
  }
}

/*
 * Notifications
 */

notification b4-address-change-limit-policy-violation {
  if-feature "aftr";
  description
    "Generates notifications when a B4 unsuccessfully attempts
    to change the IPv6 address in a time shorter than the value
    of b4-address-change-limit.
```

```
    Notifications are rate-limited (notify-interval).";
  leaf id {
    type leafref {
      path "/nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance/nat:id";
    }
    mandatory true;
    description
      "NAT instance identifier.";
  }
  leaf policy-id {
    type leafref {
      path "/nat:nat/nat:instances/nat:instance/nat:policy/nat:id";
    }
    mandatory true;
    description
      "Policy identifier.";
  }
  leaf address {
    type inet:ipv6-address;
    mandatory true;
    description
      "B4's IPv6 address.";
  }
}
}
```

<CODE ENDS>

4. Security Considerations

The YANG module specified in this document defines a schema for data that is designed to be accessed via network management protocols such as NETCONF [RFC6241] or RESTCONF [RFC8040]. The lowest NETCONF layer is the secure transport layer, and the mandatory-to-implement secure transport is Secure Shell (SSH) [RFC6242]. The lowest RESTCONF layer is HTTPS, and the mandatory-to-implement secure transport is TLS [RFC8446].

The Network Configuration Access Control Model (NACM) [RFC8341] provides the means to restrict access for particular NETCONF or RESTCONF users to a preconfigured subset of all available NETCONF or RESTCONF protocol operations and content.

All data nodes defined in the YANG module that can be created, modified, and deleted (i.e., config true, which is the default) are considered sensitive. Write operations (e.g., edit-config) applied to these data nodes without proper protection can negatively affect network operations. An attacker who is able to access the B4/AFTR can undertake various attacks, such as:

- o Setting the value of 'aftr-ipv6-addr' on the B4 to point to an illegitimate AFTR so that it can intercept all the traffic sent by a B4. Illegitimately intercepting users' traffic is an attack with severe implications on privacy.
- o Setting the MTU to a low value, which may increase the number of fragments ('tunnel-mtu' for both B4 and AFTR).
- o Setting 'max-softwire-per-subscriber' to an arbitrary high value, which will be exploited by a misbehaving user to grab more resources (by mounting as many softwires as required to get more external IP addresses/ports) or to perform a DoS on the AFTR by mounting a massive number of softwires.
- o Setting 'state-migrate' to 'false' on the AFTR. This action may lead to a service degradation for the users.
- o Setting 'b4-address-change-limit' to an arbitrary low value can ease DoS attacks based on frequent change of the B4 IPv6 address.
- o Setting 'v6-v4-dscp-preservation' to 'false' may lead to a service degradation if some policies are applied on the network based on the DSCP value.

Additional security considerations are discussed in [RFC8512].

Security considerations related to DS-Lite are discussed in [RFC6333].

5. IANA Considerations

IANA has registered the following URI in the "ns" subregistry within the "IETF XML Registry" [RFC3688]:

```
URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-dslite
Registrant Contact: The IESG.
XML: N/A; the requested URI is an XML namespace.
```

IANA has registered the following YANG module in the "YANG Module Names" subregistry [RFC7950] within the "YANG Parameters" registry.

```
name: ietf-dslite
namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-dslite
prefix: dslite
reference: RFC 8513
```

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Appendix A. B4 Example

The following example shows a B4 element (2001:db8:0:1::1) that is configured with an AFTR element (2001:db8:0:2::1). The B4 element is also instructed to preserve the DSCP marking.

```
<interfaces>
  <interface>
    <name>myB4</name>
    <type>dslite:dslite</type>
    <enabled>true</enabled>
    <dslite:ipv6-address>
      2001:db8:0:1::1
    </dslite:ipv6-address>
    <dslite:aftr-ipv6-addr>
      2001:db8:0:2::1
    </dslite:aftr-ipv6-addr>
    <dslite:v6-v4-dscp-preservation>
      true
    </dslite:v6-v4-dscp-preservation>
  </interface>
</interfaces>
```

Appendix B. AFTR Examples

The following example shows an AFTR that is reachable at 2001:db8:0:2::1. Also, this XML snippet indicates that the AFTR is provided with an IPv4 address (192.0.0.1) to be used for troubleshooting purposes such as reporting problems to B4s.

Note that a subscriber is identified by a subscriber-mask [RFC7785] that can be configured by means of [RFC8512].

```
<interfaces>
  <interface>
    <name>myAFTR</name>
    <type>dslite:dslite</type>
    <enabled>true</enabled>
    <dslite:ipv6-address>2001:db8:0:2::1</dslite:ipv6-address>
    <dslite:ipv4-address>192.0.0.1</dslite:ipv4-address>
  </interface>
</interfaces>
```

The following shows an XML excerpt depicting a dynamic UDP mapping entry maintained by a DS-Lite AFTR for a packet received from the B4 element introduced in [Appendix A](#). Concretely, this UDP packet received with a source IPv6 address (2001:db8:0:1::1), a source IPv4 address (192.0.2.1), and a source port number (1568) is translated

into a UDP packet having a source IPv4 address (198.51.100.1) and source port number (15000). The remaining lifetime of this mapping is 300 seconds.

```
<mapping-entry>
  <index>15</index>
  <type>
    dynamic-explicit
  </type>
  <transport-protocol>
    17
  </transport-protocol>
  <dslite:b4-ipv6-address>
    <dslite:address>
      2001:db8:0:1::1
    </dslite:address>
  </dslite:b4-ipv6-address>
  <internal-src-address>
    192.0.2.1
  </internal-src-address>
  <internal-src-port>
    <start-port-number>
      1568
    </start-port-number>
  </internal-src-port>
  <external-src-address>
    198.51.100.1
  </external-src-address>
  <external-src-port>
    <start-port-number>
      15000
    </start-port-number>
  </external-src-port>
  <lifetime>
    300
  </lifetime>
</mapping-entry>
```

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