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BGP - Link State (BGP-LS) Advertisement of  
IGP Traffic Engineering Performance Metric Extensions

Abstract

This document defines new BGP - Link State (BGP-LS) TLVs in order to carry the IGP Traffic Engineering Metric Extensions defined in the IS-IS and OSPF protocols.

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## 1. Introduction

BGP - Link State (BGP-LS) [[RFC7752](#)] defines Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI) and attributes in order to carry link-state information. New BGP-LS Link Attribute TLVs are required in order to carry the Traffic Engineering Metric Extensions defined in [[RFC8570](#)] and [[RFC7471](#)].

## 2. Link Attribute TLVs for TE Metric Extensions

The following new Link Attribute TLVs are defined:

TLV Code Point	Value
1114	Unidirectional Link Delay
1115	Min/Max Unidirectional Link Delay
1116	Unidirectional Delay Variation
1117	Unidirectional Link Loss
1118	Unidirectional Residual Bandwidth
1119	Unidirectional Available Bandwidth
1120	Unidirectional Utilized Bandwidth

TLV formats are described in detail in the following subsections.  
TLV formats follow the rules defined in [RFC7752].

### 2.1. Unidirectional Link Delay TLV

This TLV advertises the average link delay between two directly connected IGP link-state neighbors. The semantics and values of the fields in the TLV are described in [RFC8570] and [RFC7471].

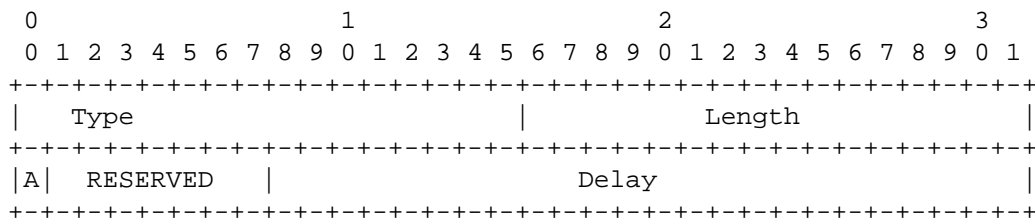


Figure 1

where:

Type: 1114

Length: 4

## 2.2. Min/Max Unidirectional Link Delay TLV

This TLV advertises the minimum and maximum delay values between two directly connected IGP link-state neighbors. The semantics and values of the fields in the TLV are described in [RFC8570] and [RFC7471].

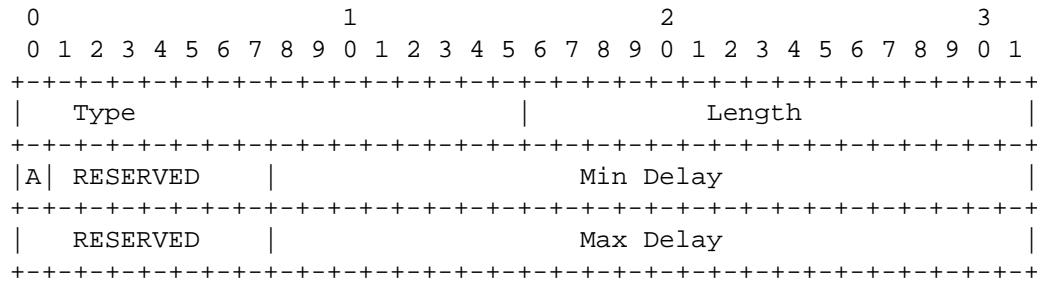


Figure 2

where:

Type: 1115

Length: 8

## 2.3. Unidirectional Delay Variation TLV

This TLV advertises the average link delay variation between two directly connected IGP link-state neighbors. The semantics and values of the fields in the TLV are described in [RFC8570] and [RFC7471].

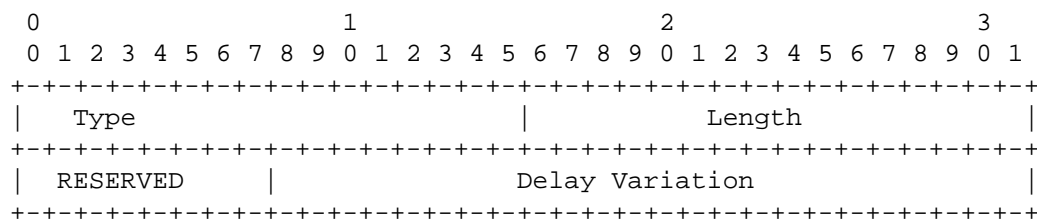


Figure 3

where:

Type: 1116

Length: 4

#### 2.4. Unidirectional Link Loss TLV

This TLV advertises the loss (as a packet percentage) between two directly connected IGP link-state neighbors. The semantics and values of the fields in the TLV are described in [RFC8570] and [RFC7471].

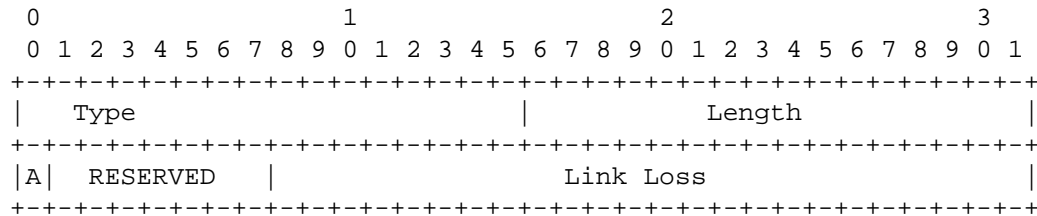


Figure 4

where:

Type: 1117

Length: 4

#### 2.5. Unidirectional Residual Bandwidth TLV

This TLV advertises the residual bandwidth between two directly connected IGP link-state neighbors. The semantics and values of the fields in the TLV are described in [RFC8570] and [RFC7471].

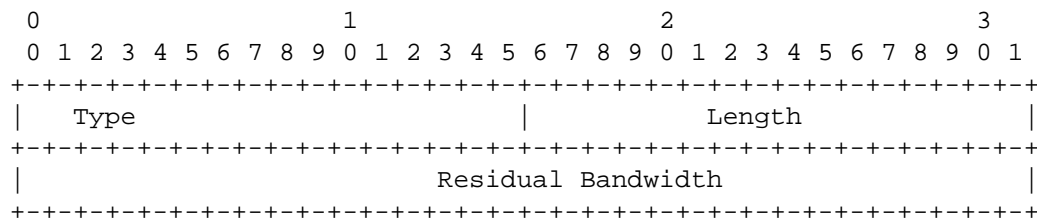


Figure 5

where:

Type: 1118

Length: 4

## 2.6. Unidirectional Available Bandwidth TLV

This TLV advertises the available bandwidth between two directly connected IGP link-state neighbors. The semantics and values of the fields in the TLV are described in [RFC8570] and [RFC7471].

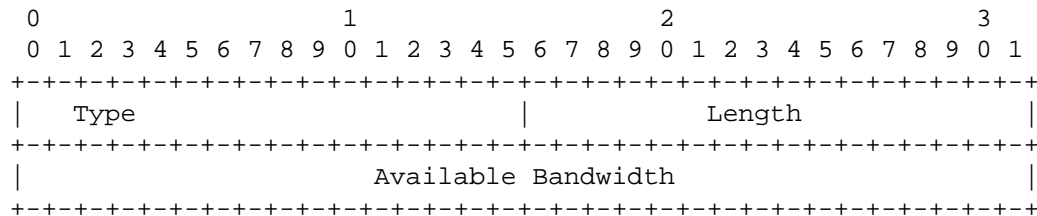


Figure 6

where:

Type: 1119

Length: 4

## 2.7. Unidirectional Utilized Bandwidth TLV

This TLV advertises the bandwidth utilization between two directly connected IGP link-state neighbors. The semantics and values of the fields in the TLV are described in [RFC8570] and [RFC7471].

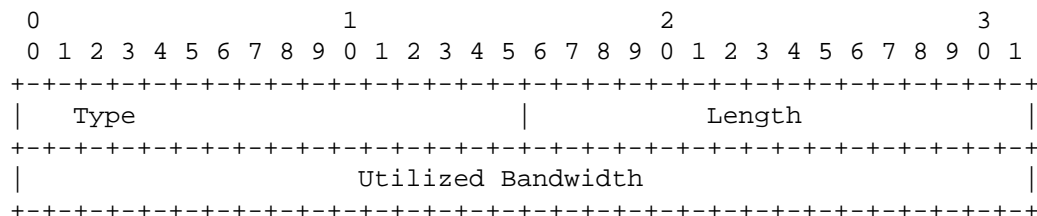


Figure 7

where:

Type: 1120

Length: 4

## 2.8. Mappings to IGP Source Sub-TLVs

This section documents the mappings between the Link Attribute TLVs defined in this document and the corresponding advertisements sourced by the IGP.

For OSPFv2 and OSPFv3, the advertisements are defined in [RFC7471]. For IS-IS, the advertisements are defined in [RFC8570].

Attribute Name	IS-IS Sub-TLV	OSPFv2/OSPFv3 Sub-TLV
Unidirectional Link Delay	33	27
Min/Max Unidirectional Link Delay	34	28
Unidirectional Delay Variation	35	29
Unidirectional Link Loss	36	30
Unidirectional Residual Bandwidth	37	31
Unidirectional Available Bandwidth	38	32
Unidirectional Utilized Bandwidth	39	33

Figure 8

## 3. Security Considerations

Procedures and protocol extensions defined in this document do not affect the BGP security model. See the "Security Considerations" section of [RFC4271] for a discussion of BGP security. Also, refer to [RFC4272] and [RFC6952] for analyses of security issues for BGP. Security considerations for acquiring and distributing BGP-LS information are discussed in [RFC7752].

The TLVs introduced in this document are used to propagate the Traffic Engineering Metric Extensions defined in [RFC8570] and [RFC7471]. These TLVs represent the state and resource availability of the IGP link. It is assumed that the IGP instances originating these TLVs will support all the required security and authentication mechanisms (as described in [RFC8570] and [RFC7471]) in order to prevent any security issues when propagating the TLVs into BGP-LS.

The advertisement of the link attribute information defined in this document presents no additional risk beyond that associated with the existing link attribute information already supported in [RFC7752].

#### 4. IANA Considerations

IANA has made assignments in the "BGP-LS Node Descriptor, Link Descriptor, Prefix Descriptor, and Attribute TLVs" registry for the new Link Attribute TLVs as listed below:

TLV Code Point	Description
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1119	Unidirectional Available Bandwidth
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