Identifying Addresses of IPv6 Tunnel Packets at Tunnel Exit-point

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Problem Statement

- When tunnel node receives a tunnel packet, if dest addr is not the *tunnel entry-point node address*, whether accept or not?
 - In some implementation (e.g. Linux), No
 - According to section 3.3 of RFC2473, Yes
 - May cause packet loss / security problem



- When running multiple tunnel instances, how to decide which tunnel process the packet?
 - e.g. A node runs both point-to-point tunnel A and point-tomultipoint tunnel B
 - Tunnel packets to tunnel A should not be accepted by tunnel B
- => Address Identification is necessary

A possible solution

- Tunnel node SHOULD identify received tunnel packets, to decide which tunnel instance(s) to accept the packet, or discard the packet
- A tunnel packet is passed to a tunnel instance when all the 3-tuples match:

Tunnel Packet	Tunnel instance	
dest addr	whitelist of local addr	IPv6 addresses/prefixes
src addr	whitelist of remote addr	
next header	protocol type	

• If no matches, return an ICMPv6 error

Next Steps

- Comments are welcome
 - Do you think this is useful?
 - Should we make an update to RFC2473?