

Extensions to Path Computation Element Communication Protocol (PCEP) for handling Link Bandwidth Utilization

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PCEP extension for handling Link Bandwidth Utilization

- Objective
 - Extensions to PCEP [RFC5440] to consider ‘Link Bandwidth Utilization’ as new constraints during path computation
- Motivation
 - Traffic Engineering Database (TED) as populated by IGP contains Maximum bandwidth, Maximum reservable bandwidth and Unreserved bandwidth ([RFC3630] and [RFC3784]), Residual bandwidth and Available bandwidth ([OSPF-TE-EXPRESS] and [ISIS-TE-EXPRESS]), Utilized Bandwidth ([ISIS-TE-EXPRESS]).
 - Real time link bandwidth utilization is becoming critical in the path computation in some networks
 - RSVP and non-RSVP traffic
 - It is important that link bandwidth utilization is factored in during path computation.
 - PCC can request a PCE to provide a path such that it selects under-utilized links.
 - The links in the path MAY be monitored for changes in the link bandwidth utilization
 - re-optimization of such path MAY be further requested

Terms Introduction

Term	Explanation
Link Bandwidth Utilization (LBU)	<p>The bandwidth utilization on a link, forwarding adjacency, or bundled link. For a link or forwarding adjacency, bandwidth utilization represent the actual utilization of the link for forwarding any traffic irrespective of RSVP or Non-RSVP</p> <p>It is calculated in % by</p> $\text{LBU} / \text{Maximum bandwidth} * 100$
Link Reserved Bandwidth Utilization (LRBU)	<p>The reserved bandwidth utilization on a link, forwarding adjacency, or bundled link for forwarding traffic. This only include traffic for RSVP-TE LSP.</p> <p>It is calculated in % by</p> $\text{LRBU} / (\text{Maximum bandwidth} - \text{Residual bandwidth}) * 100$ <p>LRBU can be calculated by</p> $\text{LRBU} = \text{LBU} - (\text{Residual bandwidth} - \text{Available bandwidth})$

Extension to PCEP

- **BU (Bandwidth Utilization) Object**

BU Object-Class is TBD.

Two Object-Type values are defined for the BU object:

- o Link Bandwidth Utilization (LBU): BU Object-Type is 1.
- o Link Reserved Bandwidth Utilization (LRBU): BU Object-Type is 2.

The format of the BU object body is as follows:

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      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
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|                               Bandwidth Utilization                               |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
```

BU Object Body Format

- **New Objective Functions**

Objective functions are formulated using the following terminology:

- o A network comprises a set of N links $\{L_i, (i=1..N)\}$.
- o A path P is a list of K links $\{L_{pi}, (i=1..K)\}$.
- o Bandwidth Utilization on link L is denoted $u(L)$.
- o Reserved Bandwidth Utilization on link L is denoted $ru(L)$.
- o Maximum bandwidth on link L is denoted $M(L)$.
- o Current Reserved bandwidth on link L is denoted $c(L)$.

Objective Function Code: TBD

Name: Maximum Under-Utilized Path (MUP)

Description: Find a path P such that $(\text{Min } \{(M(L_{pi}) - u(L_{pi})) / M(L_{pi}), i=1..K\})$ is maximized.

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The PCReq/PCRep Message

- PCReq Message Format:

```
<PCReq Message> ::= <Common Header>
                    [<svec-list>]
                    <request-list>

where:
  <svec-list> ::= <SVEC>
                [<OF>]
                [<metric-list>]
                [<svec-list>]
  <request-list> ::= <request> [<request-list>]

  <request> ::= <RP>
               <END-POINTS>
               [<LSPA>]
               [<BANDWIDTH>]
               [<bu-list>]
               [<metric-list>]
               [<OF>]
               [<RRO>[<BANDWIDTH>]]
               [<IRO>]
               [<LOAD-BALANCING>]

and where:
  <bu-list> ::= <BU> [<bu-list>]
  <metric-list> ::= <METRIC> [<metric-list>]
```

- PCRep Message Format:

```
<PCRep Message> ::= <Common Header>
                    [<svec-list>]
                    <response-list>

where:
  <svec-list> ::= <SVEC>
                [<OF>]
                [<metric-list>]
                [<svec-list>]
  <response-list> ::= <response> [<response-list>]
  <response> ::= <RP>
               [<NO-PATH>]
               [<attribute-list>]
               [<path-list>]
  <path-list> ::= <path> [<path-list>]
  <path> ::= <ERO>
            <attribute-list>

and where:
  <attribute-list> ::= [<OF>]
                    [<LSPA>]
                    [<BANDWIDTH>]
                    [<bu-list>]
                    [<metric-list>]
                    [<IRO>]
                    <bu-list> ::= <BU> [<bu-list>]
  <metric-list> ::= <METRIC> [<metric-list>]
```

Next Step

- Request for adoption as a new work item.