

Generic UDP Encapsulation for NVO3

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Overview

- Basics

- UDP encapsulation with four byte encap header
- Control (OAM) and Data (IP protocol) messages
- Flag-fields like GRE
- VNID for network virtualization

- Changes in latest draft

- Rework private options
- Private data immediately follows last field
- Private flags renamed to extension flags

GUE headers for NVO3

Source port	Destination port
Length	Checksum

Ver	C	Hlen	Proto/ctype	V	Flags	E
Virtual Network Identifier						
Fields (optional)						
Extension flags (optional)						
Extension fields (optional)						
Private data (optional)						

Salient features/differentiators

- Foundation
- Network virtualization
- Extensibility
- Security

Foundation

- GUE roots lie in GRE
 - GRE is established, well deployed, and **simple**
 - We hit a wall trying extending GRE
- GUE is generic encapsulation protocol that supports network virtualization
 - Same model of extensibility and simplicity as GRE
 - Header length allows middle box deep parsing
 - Meets isolation and security requirements of NVO3

Network Virtualization

- Virtual network identifier
 - V bit must be set for network virtualization
 - 32 bit VNID field (can be extended)
- Other options fields may be used
 - Security field guarantees virtual network isolation
 - Private data may be used by NVO3 implementations
- Protocols encapsulated
 - Layer 2: Ethernet
 - Layer 3: IPv4, IPv6, experimental IP protocols

Extensibility

- Flag bits
 - 16 bits in primary header
 - 32 bit in extension header
 - 6 bits currently defined
- Fields and private data
 - Up to 128 bytes of optional field
 - Some fields can be repurposed
 - Private data region after last field

Protocol extensions

Defined

- Virtual network identifier
- Security field
- Header checksum
- Remote checksum offload

Possibly

- OAM
- Outer/inner TTL mapping
- Congestion control
- Fragmentation
- Group based policy
- Remote segmentation offload

Probably not

- CRC
- Reliability layer
- QoS
- QCN
- Pseudo wire related
- Routing related
- Inband negotiation

GUE security

- Security field
 - Protects VNID, GUE header
 - Anticipate different levels (different field sizes)
 - Simple L2TP-like security cookie defined
- IPsec interaction
 - Header stack: IP|UDP|GUE|ESP|{IP|Ether}
 - All bits created by client are covered
 - GUE header still in outside header for VNID filtering

Request

We would like to ask for WG adoption of Generic UDP Encapsulation as a data plane solution for NVO3.

Thank you!