BGP Link-State

BGP Link-State (LS) is an Address Family Identifier (AFI) and Sub-address Family Identifier (SAFI) defined to carry interior gateway protocol (IGP) link-state database through BGP. BGP-LS delivers network topology information to topology servers and Application Layer Traffic Optimization (ALTO) servers. BGP-LS allows policy-based control to aggregation, information-hiding, and abstraction. BGP-LS supports IS-IS and OSPFv2.

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Finding Feature Information

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Overview of Link-State Information in BGP

In a number of environments, a component external to a network is called upon to perform computations based on the network topology and current state of the connections within the network, including Traffic
Engineering (TE) information. This is information typically distributed by IGP routing protocols within the network.

This module describes a mechanism by which Link-State (LS) and Traffic Engineering (TE) information from IGPs can be collected from networks and shared with external components using the BGP. This is achieved using a new BGP Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI) encoding format. The mechanism is applicable to physical and virtual links. Applications of this technique include Application-Layer Traffic Optimization (ALTO) servers and Path Computation Elements (PCEs). These components, while external to the network, require network state information on a real-time basis. Specifically, they require link-state database information of each IGP node (OSPF or ISIS) from the entire network. BGP protocol is used to collect the necessary information and to share with the external components and this is achieved using a NLRI encoding format.

In order to address the need for applications that require topological visibility across IGP areas, or even across Autonomous Systems, the BGP-LS address-family/sub-address-family have been defined to allow BGP to carry link-state information. The identifying key of each Link-State object, namely a node, link, or prefix, is encoded in the NLRI and the properties of the object are encoded in the BGP-LS attribute.

The below figure describes a typical deployment scenario of a network that utilizes BGP-LS. In each IGP area, one or more nodes are configured with BGP-LS. These BGP speakers form an IBGP mesh by connecting to one or more route-reflectors. This way, all BGP speakers (specifically the route-reflectors (RR)) obtain link-state information from all IGP areas (and from other ASes from EBGP peers). An external component connects to the route-reflector to obtain this information (perhaps moderated by a policy regarding what information is or is not advertised to the external component). An external component (for example, a controller) then can collect these information in the "northbound" direction across IGP areas or ASes and construct the end-to-end path (with its associated SIDs) that need to be applied to an incoming packet to achieve the desired end-to-end forwarding.

*Figure 1: Relation between IGP nodes and BGP*
Information About BGP-LS

Carrying Link-State Information in BGP

This specification contains two parts:

- Definition of a new BGP NLRI that describes links, nodes, and prefixes comprising of IGP link-state information
- Definition of a new BGP path attribute (BGP-LS attribute) that carries link, node, and prefix properties and attributes, such as the link and prefix metric or auxiliary Router-IDs of nodes, and so on.

TLV Format

Information in the new Link-State NLRIs and attributes is encoded in Type/Length/Value (TLV) triplets. The TLV format is shown in the below figure.

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
| Type | Length |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
// Value (variable) //
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
```

The Length field defines the length of the value portion in octets (thus, a TLV with no value portion would have a length of zero).

Link-State NLRI

The MP_REACH_NLRI and MP_UNREACH_NLRI attributes are BGP’s containers for carrying opaque information. Each Link-State Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI) describes either a node, a link, or a prefix. NLRI body is a set of Type/Length/Value triplets (TLV) and contains the data that identifies an object.

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
| NLRI Type | Total NLRI Length |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
| Link-State NLRI (variable) |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
```

NLRI Types

The Total NLRI length field contains the cumulative length, in octets, of the rest of the NLRI, not including the NLRI Type field or itself.

Figure 2: The NLRI Types

```
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
| Type | NLRI Type |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
```
The NLRI Types are shown in the following figures:

**Figure 3: The Node NLRI Format**

```
 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
+--------+
| Protocol-ID |
+---------------------------+
| Identifier |
| (64 bits) |
+---------------------------+
// Local Node Descriptors (variable) //
```

**Figure 4: The Link NLRI Format**

```
 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
+--------+
| Protocol-ID |
+---------------------------+
| Identifier |
| (64 bits) |
+---------------------------+
// Local Node Descriptors (variable) //
// Remote Node Descriptors (variable) //
// Link Descriptors (variable) //
```

The IPv4 and IPv6 Prefix NLRIs (NLRI Type = 3 and Type = 4) use the same format, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 5: The IPv4/IPv6 Topology Prefix NLRI Format**

```
 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
+--------+
| Protocol-ID |
+---------------------------+
| Identifier |
| (64 bits) |
+---------------------------+
// Local Node Descriptors (variable) //
// Prefix Descriptors (variable) //
```

**Node Descriptors**

Each link is anchored by a pair of Router-IDs that are used by the underlying IGP, namely, a 48-bit ISO System-ID for IS-IS and a 32-bit Router-ID for OSPFv2 and OSPFv3. An IGP may use one or more additional auxiliary Router-IDs, mainly for traffic engineering purposes. For example, IS-IS may have one or more IPv4 and IPv6 TE Router-IDs. These auxiliary Router-IDs must be included in the link attribute.
Link Descriptors

The Link Descriptor field is a set of Type/Length/Value (TLV) triplets. The link descriptor TLVs uniquely identify a link among multiple parallel links between a pair of anchor routers. A link described by the link descriptor TLVs actually is a "half-link", a unidirectional representation of a logical link. In order to fully describe a single logical link, two originating routers advertise a half-link each, that is, two Link NLRIs are advertised for a given point-to-point link.

Prefix Descriptors

The Prefix Descriptor field is a set of Type/Length/Value (TLV) triplets. Prefix Descriptor TLVs uniquely identify an IPv4 or IPv6 prefix originated by a node.

BGP-LS Attribute

The BGP-LS attribute is an optional, non-transitive BGP attribute that is used to carry link, node, and prefix parameters and attributes. It is defined as a set of Type/Length/Value (TLV) triplets. This attribute should only be included with Link-State NLRIs. This attribute must be ignored for all other address families.

BGP-LS OSPF

OSPF is one of the IGP protocols that feeds its topology into BGP into the LS cache. Link state information can be passed to BGP in two ways:

- When new communications between OSPF and BGP has been established, or when BGP-LS functionality has been initially enabled under OSPF, then all LSA information is downloaded to BGP via the LS library.
- As new LSA information is being processed or received from remote OSPF nodes, this information is added or updated in BGP.

Configuring BGP-LS OSPF

Perform the following steps to configure OSPF with BGP-LS:

1. Enable the OSPF routing protocol and enter router configuration mode.

   ```
   router ospf
   ```
   For example,
   ```
   Device(config-router)# router ospf 10
   ```

2. Distribute BGP link-state.

   ```
   distribute link-state
   ```
   For example,
   ```
   Device(config-router)# distribute link-state instance-id <instid>
   Device(config-router)# distribute link-state throttle <time>
   ```
   - throttle (optional): Sets throttle time to process LS distribution queue. Default value is 5 seconds. Range: 1 to 3600 seconds.
In the scenarios where any area gets deleted, throttle timer does not get honored. Queue is walked by OSPF completely and updates to all the areas are sent to BGP.

If you do not specify any value for instance ID and throttle, default values are taken.

Example:

```
#show run | sec router ospf
router ospf 10
distribute link-state instance-id 33 throttle 6
```

You should not be using the same instance ID for two OSPF instances. It throws an instance ID already in use error.

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**BGP-LS IS-IS**

IS-IS distributes routing information into BGP. IS-IS processes the routing information in its LSP database and extract the relevant objects. It advertises IS-IS nodes, links, and prefix information and their attributes into BGP. This update from IS-IS into BGP only happens when there is a change in the LSP fragments, either belonging to the local router or any remote routers.

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**Configuring IS-IS With BGP-LS**

Perform the following steps to configure IS-IS with BGP-LS:

1. Enable the IS-IS routing protocol and enter router configuration mode.
   ```
   router isis
   For example,
   Device(config-router)# router isis
   ```

2. Distribute BGP link-state.
   ```
   distribute link-state
   For example,
   Device(config-router)# distribute link-state instance-id <instid>
   Device(config-router)# distribute link-state throttle <time>
   ```

   **throttle** (optional): Sets throttle time to process LS distribution queue. Range: 5-20 seconds.

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**Configuring BGP**

Perform the following steps to configure BGP with BGP-LS:

1. Enable the BGP routing protocol and enter router configuration mode.
   ```
   router bgp
   ```
For example,

Device(config-if)# router bgp 100

2 Configure the address-family link-state.

address-family link-state link-state

For example,
Device(config-router)# address-family link-state link-state

3 Exit the address-family.

exit-address-family

For example,
Device(config-router)# exit-address-family

Example: ISIS With BGP-LS Configuration

Example: IS-IS Configuration

router isis 1
net 49.0001.1720.1600.1001.00
is-type level-1
metric-style wide
distribute link-state level-1
segment-routing mpls
segment-routing prefix-sid-map advertise-local
mpls traffic-eng router-id Loopback0
mpls traffic-eng level-1

interface GigabitEthernet2/2/2
ip address 30.0.0.2 255.255.255.0
ip router isis 1
negotation auto
mpls traffic-eng tunnels
isis network point-to-point

Example: BGP Configuration

router bgp 100
bgp log-neighbor-changes
neighbor 19.0.0.6 remote-as 100
neighbor 19.0.0.79 remote-as 100
!
address-family ipv4
neighbor 19.0.0.6 activate
neighbor 19.0.0.79 activate
exit-address-family
!
address-family link-state link-state
neighbor 19.0.0.6 activate
neighbor 19.0.0.79 activate
exit-address-family

BGP-LS Show Commands

show ip ospf ls-distribution
Displays the status of LS distribution.
R1#show ip ospf ls-distribution

OSPF Router with ID (1.3.0.1) (Process ID 10)
OSPF LS Distribution is Enabled
Instance Id: 0
Throttle time: 5
Registration Handle: 0x0
Status: Ready Active
Num DBs Queued for LSCache Update: 0
Num of DBs with Unresolved Links: 0

show ip ospf database dist-ls-pending
Displays the LSAs that are pending, to be sent to BGP.
Sample Output:
R1#show ip ospf database dist-ls-pending

OSPF Router with ID (1.3.0.1) (Process ID 10)

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(show has unresolved links)

show isis distribute-ls [level-1 | level-2]
Displays ISIS internal LS cache information that are distributed to BGP.

r1#sh isis distribute-ls
ISIS distribute link-state: configured
distslevels:0x3, distls-initialized:1,
dists_instance_id:0, distls_throttle_delay:10
LS DB: ls_init_started(0) ls_initialized(1) ls_pending_delete(0)
dists_enabled[1]:1
dists_enabled[2]:1
Level 1:
Node System ID:0003.0003.0003 Pseudonode-Id:0 ls_change_flags:0x0
LSP: lsapid(0003.0003.0003.00-00), lsptype(0) lsp_change_flags(0x0)
   Node Attr: name(r3) bitfield(0x81) node_flags(0x0)
   area_len/area_addr(2/33) num_mtid/mtid(0/0) ipv4_id(33.33.33.1)
   num_alg/sr_alg(0/0) num_srgb/srgb(1/(start:16000, range:8000)
   srgb_flags(0x80)
   opaque_len/opaque(0/0x0)
ISIS LS Links:
   mtid(0): nid:0002.0002.0002.00, {0, 0}, {6.6.6.1, 6.6.6.6}
   Link Attr: bitfield:0x940F, local_ipv4_id:6.6.6.1, remote_ipv4_id:6.6.6.6,
              max_link_bw:10000, max_resv_bw:10000,
              num_unresv_bw/unresv_bw:8/
              [0]: 10000 kbits/sec, [1]: 8000 kbits/sec
              [2]: 8000 kbits/sec, [3]: 8000 kbits/sec
              [4]: 8000 kbits/sec, [5]: 8000 kbits/sec
              [6]: 8000 kbits/sec, [7]: 8000 kbits/sec,
              admin_group:0, protect_type:0, mpls_proto_mask:0x0,
              te_metric:0, metric:0, link_name:,
              num_srlg/srlg:0/
              num_adj_sid/adj:2/
   Address Family IPv4 ISIS LS Prefix:
   mtid(0): 1.1.1.0/24
   Prefix Attr: bitfield:0x0, metric:10, igp_flags:0x0,
                  num_route_tag:0, route_tag:0
   num_pfx_sid:0, pfx_sid:
   opaque_len:0, opaque_data:0x0
   mtid(0): 3.3.3.0/24
   Prefix Attr: bitfield:0x0, metric:10, igp_flags:0x0,
                  num_route_tag:0, route_tag:0
   num_pfx_sid:0, pfx_sid:
   opaque_len:0, opaque_data:0x0
### show bgp link-state link-state

Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, i - internal, r RIB-failure, S stale, m multipath, b backup-path, f RT-Filter, x best-external, a additional-path, c RIB-compressed, t secondary path, 

Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete 

RPKI validation codes: V valid, I invalid, N Not found 

Prefix codes: E link, V node, T4 IPv4 reachable route, T6 IPv6 reachable route, I Identifier, N local node, R remote node, L link, P prefix, L1/L2 ISIS level-1/level-2, O OSPF, a area-ID, l link-ID, t topology-ID, s ISO-ID, c confed-ID/ASN, b bgp-identifier, r router-ID, i if-address, n nbr-address, o OSPF Route-type, p IP-prefix, d designated router address, u/U Unknown, x/X Unexpected, m/M Malformed

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show bgp link-state link-state nlri <nlri string>
BGP routing table entry for [V][L1][I0x43][N[c100][b0.0.0.0][s1720.1600.4004.00]], version 95
Paths: (1 available, best #1, table link-state link-state)
Not advertised to any peer
Refresh Epoch 4
Local
16.16.16.16 (metric 30) from 15.15.15.15 (15.15.15.15)
Origin IGP, metric 0, localpref 100, valid, internal, best
Originator: 16.16.16.16, Cluster list: 15.15.15.15
LS Attribute: Node-name: R4, ISIS area: 49.12.34
rx pathid: 0, tx pathid: 0x0

BGP-LS Debug Commands

• debug ip ospf dist-ls [detail]
  Turns on ls-distribution related debugs in OSPF.

• debug isis distribute-ls
  Displays the items being advertised into the BGP from IS-IS.

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