

Security Framework for MPLS-TP

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Status and Next Steps

- Current status:
 - Under WG last call
 - Received comments from Gregory Mirsky and Joel M. Halpern
 - Updating the document to address the comments from Gregory and Joel
- Next Step
 - Submit the updated version

Addressing the comments from Gregory

- Section 1.1 “MPLS-TP and MPLS interworking” seems ambiguous. Perhaps “There are also needs for MPLS-TP and non-MPLS-TP interworking”. We meant to say “MPLS-TP and MPLS interworking” at this stage.
#: We like to stay with MPLS-TP and MPLS interworking within this context.
- Section 1.2 G-ACh might be used to launch attack on the data plane, e.g. trigger protection switchover or lock a connection..... And “Data plane authentication” isn’t it part of G-ACh issues
#: Agreed.
- Section 3 “...the data plane should continue to forward packets without being impacted”. I think that separation of Control Plane and Data Plane implies that all enabled in the data plane operations, e.g. OAM, protection, will act without impact in case control plane and/or management plane are under attack.
#: Good point.
- And a couple more of editorial comments.
#: OK, will fix.

Addressing the comments from Joel

- Major:
 - ... Add explanations of the security analysis that goes with the assertion exist somewhere. (This applies to mechanism requirements...) ...this is an important part of the framework that users need.
#: Agreed, will add content for it.
 - Structurally, it seems very odd to have the requirements before the threats. In my experience, the threats drive the requirements.
We put threat first in RFC 4111, later received comments that reqs. should be first. Be happy to switch the order same as RFC 4111 – threat first, requirements later.
- Moderate:
 - Clarification in a couple of places should be ‘must’, ‘MUST’, ‘or’... meaning.
Will make it explicit in the text.
 - the connection in the second requirement between non-control plane provisioning support and trust boundaries really needs some justification.
Will fix.
 - I understand that service providers have a requirement for hiding topology. But is that really a security requirement?
This originally came from a SP specific request when we worked MPLS/GMPLS Security Control plane. We would use the wording “to allow”.
 - need to be clear which threats are new with MPLS-TP....
Will fix the text
- More comments under minor
 - # Will be addressed

(Back up - the draft overview)

- Content:
 - Identify and address MPLS-TP *specific* security issues.
 - Define MPLS-TP security reference models
 - Provide MPLS-TP security requirements
 - Identify MPLS-TP security threats
 - Provide MPLS-TP security threat mitigation recommendations
- Intended category: Informational
- Scope:
 - Focus on MPLS-TP specific security threats, e.g.
 - GAL/GAch for in-band OAM
 - NMS provisioning model
 - General attached applied in TP operations: DoS attack, ID/Label spoofing
 - Defer to existing RFCs for Internet Best Practice Guidelines, and MPLS/GMPLS Security Framework