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Abstract

This document describes a 1-hop and symmetric 2-hop neighborhood discovery protocol (NHDP) for mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs).

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1. Introduction

This document describes a neighborhood discovery protocol (NHDP) for a mobile ad hoc network (MANET) [RFC2501]. This protocol uses an exchange of HELLO messages in order that each router can determine the presence of, and connectivity to, its 1-hop and symmetric 2-hop neighbors. Messages are defined as instances of the specification [RFC5444].

1-hop and symmetric 2-hop neighborhood information is recorded in the form of Information Bases. These may be used by other protocols, such as MANET routing protocols, which require information regarding the local network connectivity. This protocol is designed to maintain the information in these Information Bases even in the presence of a dynamic network topology and wireless ad hoc network interface characteristics.

This protocol makes no assumptions about the underlying link layer, other than support of link local broadcast or multicast. Link layer information may be used if available and applicable.

This protocol is based on the neighborhood discovery process contained in the Optimized Link State Routing Protocol (OLSR) [RFC3626].

1.1. Motivation

MANETs differ from more traditional wired and infrastructure based wireless networks, due to their envisioned applicability also over more challenging network interfaces (e.g. wireless, lossy, broadcast interfaces with moderate and shared bandwidth, hidden and exposed terminals and interference from other network interfaces and the environment) and in more challenging topological conditions (e.g. rapid and unpredictable mobility, dynamic and non-predetermined network membership). An approach, often taken by MANET routing protocols, is to collect local topological information up to 2 hops, in order to, for example, optimize their flooding performance within the MANET.

Due to the properties of wireless transmissions, communication between two network interfaces on neighboring routers may not be bidirectional; even if router A is able to receive a packets from router B, the converse is not guaranteed to be true. Furthermore, because of the localized nature of wireless broadcast communication, neighboring routers within the same communications channel may have different sets of neighbors. If router A is able to exchange packets with router B and router B is able to exchange packets with router C on the same interface, this does not guarantee that router A and

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router C can exchange packets directly.

Routers in a MANET may have multiple heterogeneous interfaces participating in the same MANET routing protocol, each of which with the characteristics described above. Between the same pair of routers, more than one distinct communications channel (link) may therefore exist, each with different properties.

For MANET routing protocols to correctly identify candidate links for inclusion in a routing path, the existence and, in many cases, bidirectionality of such distinct links between a router and its neighbors must be established and monitored.

The set of neighbor routers of a given MANET router may be continuously changing, often due to router mobility or a changing physical environment in which the MANET is located. There are typically no signals from lower layers which would enable an IP routing protocol to detect and, as appropriate, react to such changes. Such changes are can often take place on a short timescale, such as of the order of seconds, requiring MANET routing protocols to act rapidly to ensure suitable convergence properties.

MANET routing protocols, for example [RFC3626] and [RFC5449], often employ relay set reductions in order to conserve network capacity when maintaining network-wide topological information, with calculation of these reduced relay sets employing up to two hop information.

The neighborhood discovery protocol specified in this document provides continued tracking of neighborhood changes, continued bidirectionality tracking of links between neighbors, and local topological information up to two hops. Combined, this allows a MANET routing protocol access to information describing link establishment/disappearance, and provides the necessary topological information for reduced relay set selection and other purposes.

2. Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

All terms introduced in [RFC5444], including "packet", "message", "Address Block", "TLV Block" and "TLV", are to be interpreted as described there.

Additionally, this document uses the following terminology:

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Router - A MANET router which implements this neighborhood discovery protocol.

Interface - A network device, configured and assigned one or more IP addresses.

Address - An IPv4 or IPv6 address, as recorded in the Information Bases specified by this protocol, and included in messages generated by this protocol, may be either an address or an address prefix. The exception to this is addresses described as originator addresses; these must be simple addresses without a prefix length. Non-originator addresses can be represented as a single address object in a message, as defined by [RFC5444]. An address so represented is considered to have a prefix length equal to its length (in bits) when considered as an address object, and a similar convention is used in the Information Bases specified by this protocol. Two addresses (address objects) are considered equal only if their prefix lengths are also equal.

MANET interface - An interface participating in a MANET and using this neighborhood discovery protocol. A router may have several MANET interfaces.

Heard - A MANET interface of router X is considered heard on a MANET interface of a router Y if the latter can receive traffic from the former.

Link - A pair of MANET interfaces from two different routers, where at least one interface is heard by the other.

Symmetric link - A link where both MANET interfaces are heard by the other.

1-hop neighbor - A router X is a 1-hop neighbor of a router Y if a MANET interface of router X is heard by a MANET interface of router Y.

Symmetric 1-hop neighbor - A router X is a symmetric 1-hop neighbor of a router Y if a symmetric link exists between a MANET interface on router X and a MANET interface on router Y.

Symmetric 2-hop neighbor - A router X is a symmetric 2-hop neighbor of a router Y if router X is a symmetric 1-hop neighbor of a symmetric 1-hop neighbor of router Y, but is not router Y itself.

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1-hop neighborhood - The 1-hop neighborhood of a router X is the set of the 1-hop neighbors of router X.

Symmetric 1-hop neighborhood - The symmetric 1-hop neighborhood of a router X is the set of the symmetric 1-hop neighbors of router X.

Symmetric 2-hop neighborhood - The symmetric 2-hop neighborhood of a router X is the set of the symmetric 2-hop neighbors of router X. (This may include routers in the 1-hop neighborhood, or even in the symmetric 1-hop neighborhood, of router X.)

Constant - A constant is a numerical value which MUST be the same for all MANET interfaces of all routers in the MANET, at all times.

Interface parameter - An interface parameter is a boolean or numerical value, specified separately for each MANET interface of each router. A router MAY change interface parameter values at any time, subject to some constraints.

Router parameter - A router parameter is a boolean or numerical value, specified for each router, and not specific to an interface. A router MAY change router parameter values at any time, subject to some constraints.

Furthermore, this document uses the following notational conventions:

X contains y, or y is contained in X, is an unordered list membership operator, returning true if the unordered list X includes the element y, and returning false otherwise.

X contains Y, or Y is contained in X, is an unordered list inclusion operator, returning true if the unordered list X contains all elements y which are contained in Y, and returning false otherwise.

a := b is an assignment operator, whereby the left side (a) is assigned the value of the right side (b). a and b may be values, addresses, or unordered lists (they must be of the same type).

c = d is a comparison operator, returning true if the value of the left side (c) is equal to the value of the right side (d). c and d may be values, addresses, or unordered lists (they must be of the same type). If c and d are unordered lists, then they are considered to be equal if they contain the same set of elements, regardless of the order in which they are recorded in either list (in which case c contains d, and d contains c).

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`e != f` is a comparison operator, returning true where `(e = f)` would have returned false, and returning false where `(e = f)` would have returned true.

3. Applicability Statement

This protocol:

- o Provides each router with local topology information up to two hops away.
- o Makes this local topology information available to MANET routing protocols in Information Bases, which are defined in this specification.
- o May interact with other protocols, such as MANET routing protocols, see Section 3.1.
- o Is applicable to networks, especially wireless networks, in which unknown neighbors (i.e. other routers with which direct link layer communication can be established) can be reached by local broadcast or multicast packets.
- o Is designed to work in networks with a dynamic topology, and in which messages may be lost, such as due to collisions in wireless networks.
- o Supports routers that each have one or more participating MANET interfaces. The set of a router's interfaces may change over time. Each interface may have one or more interface addresses, and these may also be dynamically changing.
- o Can use the link local multicast address "LL-MANET-Routers", and either the "manet" UDP port or the "manet" IP protocol number, all as specified in [manet-iana].
- o Uses the packet and message formats specified in [RFC5444]. Such packets may contain messages specified by this protocol as well as other protocols.
- o Specifies signaling using HELLO messages. The necessary contents of these messages are defined in this specification, and may be extended using the TLV mechanisms described in [RFC5444].
- o Can use relevant link layer information if it is available.
- o Is designed to work in a completely distributed manner, and does not depend on any central entity.

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3.1. Usage in Other Protocols

Other protocols which use neighborhood discovery MAY need to interact with this protocol. This protocol is designed to permit such interactions, in particular:

- o Through accessing, and possibly extending, the information in the Local Information Base (Section 6), the Interface Information Base (Section 7) and the Neighbor Information Base (Section 8). These Information Bases record the interface configuration of the router, as well as the local connectivity, up to two hops away. All updates to the elements specified in this document are subject to the constraints specified in Appendix B.
- o Through accessing an outgoing HELLO message prior to it being transmitted over any MANET interface, and to add information (e.g. TLVs) as specified in [RFC5444]. This may, for example, be to allow a security protocol, as suggested in Section 16, to add a TLV containing a cryptographic signature to the message, or be to allow inserting relay selection information into a HELLO message by way of adding a TLV to an outgoing HELLO message prior to it being transmitted.
- o Through accessing an incoming HELLO message, and potentially discard it prior to processing by this protocol. This may, for example, allow a security protocol, as suggested in Section 16, to perform verification of HELLO message signatures and prevent processing of unverifiable HELLO messages by this protocol.
- o Through accessing an incoming HELLO message after it has been completely processed by this protocol. This may, in particular, allow a protocol which has added information, such as relay selection information by way of inclusion of appropriate TLVs, access to such information after appropriate updates has been recorded in the Information Bases in this protocol.
- o Through requesting that a HELLO message be generated at a specific time. In that case, HELLO message generation MUST still respect the constraints in Appendix B.

4. Protocol Overview and Functioning

The objective of this protocol is, for each router:

- o To identify other routers which can be heard, and those with which bidirectional links can be established (symmetric 1-hop neighbors).

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- o To agree on the status of such links with the corresponding symmetric 1-hop neighbor.
- o To find the interface addresses of the router's symmetric 2-hop neighbors.
- o To record this information in Information Bases that can be used by other protocols, of which this neighborhood discovery protocol may be a part.

These objectives are achieved using local (one hop) signaling that:

- o Advertises the presence of a router and its interfaces.
- o Discovers links from neighboring routers.
- o Performs bidirectionality checks on the discovered links.
- o Advertises discovered links, and whether each is symmetric, to its 1-hop neighbors, and hence discovers symmetric 2-hop neighbors.

This specification defines, in turn:

- o Parameters and constants used by the protocol. Parameters used by this protocol may be, where appropriate, specific to a specific MANET interface, or to a MANET router. This protocol allows all parameters to be changed dynamically, and to be set independently for each MANET router or MANET interface, as appropriate.
- o The Information Bases describing local interfaces, discovered links and their status, current and former 1-hop neighbors, and symmetric 2-hop neighbors.
- o The format of the HELLO message that is used for local signaling.
- o The generation of HELLO messages from some of the information in the Information Bases.
- o The updating of the Information Bases according to received HELLO messages and other events.

4.1. Routers and Interfaces

In order for a router to participate in a MANET, it MUST have at least one, and possibly more, MANET interfaces. Each MANET interface:

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- o Is characterized by a set of interface parameters, defining the behavior of this MANET interface. Each MANET interface MAY be individually parameterized.
- o Has an Interface Information Base, recording information regarding links to this MANET interface and symmetric 2-hop neighbors which can be reached through such links.
- o Generates and processes HELLO messages, according to the interface parameters for that MANET interface.

In addition to a set of MANET interfaces as described above, each router has:

- o A Local Information Base, containing the addresses of the interfaces (MANET and non-MANET) of this router. The contents of this Information Base are not changed by signaling.
- o A Neighbor Information Base, recording information regarding current and recently lost 1-hop neighbors of this router.

A router may have both MANET interfaces and non-MANET interfaces. Interfaces of both of these types are recorded in a router's Local Information Base, which is used, but not updated, by the signaling of this protocol.

4.2. Information Base Overview

Each router maintains the Information Bases described in the following sections. These are used for describing the protocol in this document. An implementation of this protocol MAY maintain this information in the indicated form, or in any other organization which offers access to this information. In particular note that it is not necessary to remove Tuples from Sets at the exact time indicated, only to behave as if the Tuples were removed at that time.

4.2.1. Local Information Base

Each router maintains a Local Information Base, which contains:

- o The Local Interface Set, which consists of Local Interface Tuples, each of which records the addresses of an interface (MANET or non-MANET) of the router.
- o The Removed Interface Address Set, which consists of Removed Interface Address Tuples, each of which records a recently used address of an interface (MANET or non-MANET) of the router.

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The Local Interface Set is used for generating HELLO messages, specifically for determining which interface addresses are to be included and identified through inclusion of an appropriate TLV as being a "local interface" of the router at which the HELLO message is generated. The Removed Interface Address Set is used to allow a router to detect if a neighbor is advertising a formerly used address, and to exclude this from inclusion in the Interface Information Bases described below.

The Local Information Base is used for generating signaling, but is not itself updated by signaling specified in this document. Updates to the Local Information Base are due to changes of the router configuration, and may be allowed to trigger signaling.

4.2.2. Interface Information Bases

Each router maintains, for each of its MANET interfaces, an Interface Information Base, which contains:

- o A Link Set, which records information about current and recently lost links between this interface and MANET interfaces of 1-hop neighbors. The Link Set consists of Link Tuples, each of which contains information about a single link. Recently lost links are recorded so that they can be advertised in HELLO messages, accelerating their removal from relevant 1-hop neighbors' Link Sets. Link quality information (see Section 14), if used and available, is recorded in Link Tuples and may indicate that links are treated as lost.
- o A 2-Hop Set, which records the existence of bidirectional links between symmetric 1-hop neighbors of this MANET interface and other routers (symmetric 2-hop neighbors). The 2-Hop Set consists of 2-Hop Tuples, each of which records an interface address of a symmetric 2-hop neighbor, and all interface addresses of the corresponding symmetric 1-hop neighbor. The 2-Hop Set is updated by the signaling of this protocol, but is not itself reported in that signaling.

The Link Set for a MANET interface is used for generating HELLO messages. Specifically, the Link Set information is included to both allow other routers to detect bidirectionality (if router A advertises router B as heard in a HELLO message and router B receives that HELLO message, then router B knows that bidirectional communication is possible between routers A and B), and to populate the 2-Hop Set (if router C receives a HELLO message from router B advertising a bidirectional link to address A, then router C knows that address A is reachable in two hops via router B).

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The Link Set for a MANET interface is itself updated upon receipt of a HELLO message, including to record link bidirectionality as indicated above.

The 2-Hop Set for a MANET interface is updated as indicated above, and is not itself used in generating HELLO messages.

4.2.3. Neighbor Information Base

Each router maintains a Neighbor Information Base, which contains:

- o The Neighbor Set, which records 1-hop neighbors, each of which must be currently heard, although this may be over a link with insufficient link quality. The Neighbor Set consists of Neighbor Tuples, each of which records all interface addresses of a single 1-hop neighbor. Neighbor Tuples are maintained as long as there are corresponding current Link Tuples.
- o The Lost Neighbor Set, which records recently lost symmetric 1-hop neighbors. The Lost Neighbor Set consists of Lost Neighbor Tuples, each of which records an interface address of such a neighbor. These are recorded so that they can be advertised in HELLO messages, accelerating their removal from other routers' 2-Hop Sets.

The Neighbor Set is used for recording which interface addresses of neighbor routers are associated to the same router, and for including this when generating HELLO messages such that 2-Hop sets in other neighboring routers may record this information. The Neighbor Set can itself be updated on receipt of a HELLO message.

The Lost Neighbor Set is used for generating HELLO messages. Specifically, the Lost Neighbor Set is used for determining which addresses are to be included in a HELLO and identified through inclusion of an appropriate TLV as being "lost", i.e. formerly, but no longer, recorded as a symmetric neighbor. The Lost Neighbor Set can itself be updated on receipt of a HELLO message.

4.3. Signaling Overview

This protocol contains a signaling mechanism for maintaining the Interface Information Bases and the Neighbor Information Base. If information from the link layer, or any other source, is available and appropriate, it may also be used to update these Information Bases. Such updates are subject to the constraints specified in Appendix B.

Signaling consists of a single type of message, known as a HELLO

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message. Each router generates HELLO messages on each of its MANET interfaces. HELLO messages are generated independently on each MANET interface of a MANET router; the content of a given HELLO message depends on the interface for which it has been generated.

Each HELLO message identifies the MANET interface for which it is generated and over which it is transmitted. This allows its recipients to identify from which MANET interface this HELLO message has been received. Each HELLO message also reports the other interfaces (MANET and non-MANET) of the router, which allows recipients to associate a set of interface addresses with a single neighbor. Finally, each HELLO message also includes information from the Link Set of the Interface Information Base of the MANET interface, and from the Neighbor Information Base. This serves to allow detection of bidirectional communication between two MANET routers and over a pair of MANET interfaces, as well as to determine symmetric 2-hop neighborhood information.

4.3.1. HELLO Message Generation

HELLO messages are generated by a router for each of its MANET interfaces, and MAY be sent:

- o Proactively, at a regular interval, known as HELLO_INTERVAL. HELLO_INTERVAL may be fixed, or may be dynamic. For example HELLO_INTERVAL may be backed off due to congestion or network stability.
- o As a response to a change in the router itself, or its 1-hop neighborhood, for example on first becoming active or in response to a new, broken, or changed status link.
- o In a combination of these proactive and responsive mechanisms.

Jittering of HELLO message generation and transmission, as described in Section 11.2, SHOULD be used if appropriate.

HELLO messages MAY be scheduled independently for each MANET interface, or, interface parameters permitting, using the same schedule for all MANET interfaces of a router.

4.3.2. HELLO Message Content

Each HELLO message sent on a MANET interface need not contain all of the information appropriate to that MANET interface, however:

- o A HELLO message MUST contain all of the addresses in the Local Interface Set of the router to which the MANET interface belongs.

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- o For each MANET interface, within every time interval of length equal to the corresponding parameter `REFRESH_INTERVAL`, the HELLO messages sent MUST collectively include:
 - * All of the relevant information in the Link Set of the Interface Information Base of that MANET interface.
 - * All of the relevant information in the Neighbor Information Base of that router.

This applies to otherwise purely responsive routers as well as to proactive routers. In either case it means that all information appropriate to that MANET interface will have always been transmitted, in one or more HELLO messages, since the time `REFRESH_INTERVAL` ago. Note that this rule applies at all times, not just to times at which HELLO messages are sent. In considering whether to include information in a HELLO message, the sender MUST consider all times up to when it may send its next HELLO message on that MANET interface.

- o A HELLO message MUST include a `VALIDITY_TIME` Message TLV, as specified in [timetlv], that indicates the length of time for which the message content is to be considered valid, and is therefore to be included in the receiving router's Interface Information Base.
- o A periodically generated HELLO message SHOULD include an `INTERVAL_TIME` Message TLV, as specified in [timetlv], that indicates the current value of `HELLO_INTERVAL` for that MANET interface, i.e. the period within which a further HELLO message is guaranteed to be sent on that MANET interface.
- o Additional information may be added by a protocol using this protocol using the TLV mechanisms described in [RFC5444]. For example, if multipoint relays (MPRs) are to be calculated similarly to as in [RFC3626] and signaled to neighbors, then this information may be added to HELLO messages using an Address Block TLV.

4.3.3. HELLO Message Processing

All HELLO messages received by a router are used to update:

- o The Interface Information Base for the MANET interface on which that HELLO message is received.
- o The Neighbor Information Base.

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Specifically:

- o The router ensures that there is a single Neighbor Tuple corresponding to the originator of that HELLO message.
- o If a Link Tuple corresponding to the link on which that HELLO message was received exists, then the duration for which that Link Tuple is kept is extended, otherwise such a Link Tuple is created. If the HELLO message indicates that the receiving MANET interface has been heard, then the link is considered symmetric, or the duration for which that Link Tuple is kept as symmetric is extended. If the HELLO message indicates that the receiving MANET interface is lost, then the link is no longer considered symmetric. In this case one or more Lost Neighbor Tuples may be created.
- o If the link on which the HELLO message is received is symmetric, then any symmetrically advertised neighbor addresses in the HELLO message are added to the 2-Hop Set for the receiving interface, or if already present, the duration for which the corresponding 2-Hop Tuples are kept are extended.

In all cases the processing takes into account unexpected and erroneous information in the HELLO message, maintaining the constraints specified in Appendix B.

4.4. Link Quality

Some links in a MANET may be marginal, e.g. due to adverse wireless propagation. In order to avoid using such marginal links, a link quality value is recorded with each link in the Link Set. A MANET router considers links for which an insufficient link quality is recorded to be lost. Modifying the recorded link quality of a link in the Link Set is OPTIONAL. If link quality is not to be modified it MUST be set to indicate an always usable quality link. Link quality information is only used locally, it is not used in signaling, and routers may interoperate whether they are using the same, different, or no, link quality information. Link quality information is thus not equivalent to a link metric.

5. Protocol Parameters and Constants

The parameters and constants used in this specification are described in this section.

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5.1. Interface Parameters

The interface parameters used by this specification may be classified into the following four categories:

- o Message intervals
- o Information validity times
- o Link quality
- o Jitter

These are detailed in the following sections.

Different MANET interfaces (on the same or on different routers) MAY employ different interface parameter values, and MAY change their interface parameter values dynamically, subject to the constraints given in this section. A particular case is where all MANET interfaces on all MANET routers within a given MANET employ the same set of interface parameter values.

5.1.1. Message Intervals

The following interface parameters regulate HELLO message transmissions over a given MANET interface.

HELLO messages serve two principal functions:

- o To advertise this router's interface addresses to its 1-hop neighbors. The frequency of these advertisements is regulated by the interface parameters HELLO_INTERVAL and HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL.
- o To advertise this router's knowledge of each of its 1-hop neighbors. The frequency of the advertisement of each such neighbor is regulated by the interface parameter REFRESH_INTERVAL.

Specifically, these parameters are as follows:

HELLO_INTERVAL - is the maximum time between the transmission of two successive HELLO messages on this MANET interface. If using periodic transmission of HELLO messages, these SHOULD be at a separation of HELLO_INTERVAL, possibly modified by jitter as specified in [RFC5148].

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HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL - is the minimum interval between transmission of two successive HELLO messages, on this MANET interface. (This minimum interval MAY be modified by jitter, as defined in [RFC5148].)

REFRESH_INTERVAL - is the maximum interval between advertisements in a HELLO message of each 1-hop neighbor address and its status. In all intervals of length REFRESH_INTERVAL, a router MUST include all 1-hop neighbor information that it is specified as sending in at least one HELLO message on this MANET interface.

The following constraints apply to these interface parameters:

- o HELLO_INTERVAL > 0
- o HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL >= 0
- o HELLO_INTERVAL >= HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL
- o REFRESH_INTERVAL >= HELLO_INTERVAL
- o If INTERVAL_TIME Message TLVs as defined in [timetlv] are included in HELLO messages, then HELLO_INTERVAL MUST be representable as described in [timetlv].

If REFRESH_INTERVAL > HELLO_INTERVAL, then a router may distribute its neighbor advertisements between HELLO messages in any manner, subject to the constraints above.

For a router to employ this protocol in a purely responsive manner on a MANET interface, REFRESH_INTERVAL and HELLO_INTERVAL SHOULD both be set to a value such that a responsive HELLO message is always expected in a shorter period than this value.

If a router has more than one MANET interface, then, even if the router configures different values of HELLO_INTERVAL on each interface, the router SHOULD configure the same value of HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL on all interfaces on which responsive HELLO messages may be sent.

5.1.2. Information Validity Times

The following interface parameters manage the validity time of link information:

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L_HOLD_TIME - is the period of advertisement, on this MANET interface, of former 1-hop neighbor addresses as lost in HELLO messages, allowing recipients of these HELLO messages to accelerate removal of this information from their Link Sets. L_HOLD_TIME MAY be set to zero, if accelerated information removal is not required.

H_HOLD_TIME - is used as the value in the VALIDITY_TIME Message TLV included in all HELLO messages on this MANET interface.

The following constraints apply to these interface parameters:

- o L_HOLD_TIME >= 0
- o H_HOLD_TIME >= REFRESH_INTERVAL
- o If HELLO messages can be lost then both parameters SHOULD be significantly greater than REFRESH_INTERVAL.
- o H_HOLD_TIME MUST be representable as described in [timetlv].

5.1.3. Link Quality

The following interface parameters manage the usage of link quality (see Section 14):

HYST_ACCEPT - is the link quality threshold at or above which a link becomes usable, if it was not already so.

HYST_REJECT - is the link quality threshold below which a link becomes unusable, if it was not already so.

INITIAL_QUALITY - is the initial quality of a newly identified link.

INITIAL_PENDING - if true, then a newly identified link is considered pending, and is not usable until the link quality has reached or exceeded the HYST_ACCEPT threshold.

The following constraints apply to these interface parameters:

- o $0 \leq \text{HYST_REJECT} \leq \text{HYST_ACCEPT} \leq 1$
- o $0 \leq \text{INITIAL_QUALITY} \leq 1$.
- o If link quality is not updated, then INITIAL_QUALITY >= HYST_ACCEPT.

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- o If INITIAL_QUALITY >= HYST_ACCEPT, then INITIAL_PENDING := false.
- o If INITIAL_QUALITY < HYST_REJECT, then INITIAL_PENDING := true.

5.1.4. Jitter

If jitter, as defined in [RFC5148], is used then these parameters are as follows:

HP_MAXJITTER - represents the value of MAXJITTER used in [RFC5148] for periodically generated HELLO messages on this MANET interface.

HT_MAXJITTER - represents the value of MAXJITTER used in [RFC5148] for externally triggered HELLO messages on this MANET interface.

For constraints on these interface parameters see [RFC5148].

5.2. Router Parameters

The two router parameters defined by this specification are in the category of information validity time.

5.2.1. Information Validity Time

The following router parameter manages the validity time of lost symmetric 1-hop neighbor information:

N_HOLD_TIME - is used as the period during which former 1-hop neighbor addresses are advertised as lost in HELLO messages, allowing recipients of these HELLO messages to accelerate removal of this information from their 2-Hop Sets. N_HOLD_TIME MAY be set to zero, if accelerated information removal is not required.

I_HOLD_TIME - is the period for which a recently used local interface address is recorded.

The following constraints applies to these router parameters:

- o N_HOLD_TIME >= 0
- o I_HOLD_TIME >= 0

5.3. Parameter Change Constraints

This section presents guidelines, applicable if protocol parameters are changed dynamically.

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HELLO_INTERVAL

- * If the HELLO_INTERVAL for a MANET interface increases, then the next HELLO message on this MANET interface MUST be generated according to the previous, shorter, HELLO_INTERVAL. Additional subsequent HELLO messages MAY be generated according to the previous, shorter, HELLO_INTERVAL (but MUST include times according to current parameters).
- * If the HELLO_INTERVAL for a MANET interface decreases, then the following HELLO messages on this MANET interface MUST be generated according to this current, shorter, HELLO_INTERVAL.

REFRESH_INTERVAL

- * If the REFRESH_INTERVAL for a MANET interface increases, then the content of subsequent HELLO messages must be organized such that the specification of the old value of REFRESH_INTERVAL is satisfied for a further period equal to the old value of REFRESH_INTERVAL.
- * If the REFRESH_INTERVAL for a MANET interface decreases, then it MAY be necessary to reschedule HELLO message generation on that MANET interface, in order that the specification of REFRESH_INTERVAL is satisfied from the time of change.

HYST_ACCEPT and HYST_REJECT

- * If HYST_ACCEPT or HYST_REJECT changes, then the appropriate actions for link quality change, as specified in Section 14.3 MUST be taken.

L_HOLD_TIME

- * If L_HOLD_TIME changes, then L_time for all relevant Link Tuples MUST be changed.

N_HOLD_TIME

- * If N_HOLD_TIME changes, then NL_time for all relevant Lost Neighbor Tuples MUST be changed.

HP_MAXJITTER

- * If HP_MAXJITTER changes, then the periodic HELLO message schedule on this MANET interface MAY be changed.

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HT_MAXJITTER

- * If HT_MAXJITTER changes, then externally triggered HELLO messages on this MANET interface MAY be rescheduled.

5.4. Constants

The constant C (time granularity) is used as specified in [timetlv].

6. Local Information Base

A router maintains a Local Information Base that records information about its interfaces (MANET and non-MANET). Each interface MUST have at least one address, and MAY have more than one address.

The Local Information Base is not modified by signaling. If a router's interface configuration changes, then the Local Information Base MUST reflect these changes. This MAY also result in signaling to advertise these changes.

Interfaces and addresses MAY be excluded from the Local Information Base, and hence from HELLO messages, if they are not to be used for routing.

6.1. Local Interface Set

A router's Local Interface Set records its local interfaces. It consists of Local Interface Tuples, one per interface:

(I_local_iface_addr_list, I_manet)

where:

I_local_iface_addr_list is an unordered list of the addresses of this interface.

I_manet is a boolean flag, describing if this interface is a MANET interface.

Local Interface Tuples are removed from the Local Interface Set only when the routers' interface configuration changes, subject to Section 9, i.e. they are not subject to timer-based expiration.

6.2. Removed Interface Address Set

A router's Removed Interface Address Set records addresses which were recently local interface addresses. If a router's interface addresses are immutable then this set is always empty and MAY be

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omitted. It consists of Removed Interface Address Tuples, one per address:

```
(IR_local_iface_addr, IR_time)
```

where:

IR_local_iface_addr is a recently used address of an interface of this router.

IR_time specifies when this Tuple expires and MUST be removed.

7. Interface Information Base

A router maintains an Interface Information Base for each of its MANET interfaces. This records information about links to that MANET interface and symmetric 2-hop neighbors which can be reached in two hops using those links as the first hop. The Interface Information Base includes the Link Set and the 2-Hop Set.

A MANET interface address can be present as of both a 1-hop neighbor and a symmetric 2-hop neighbor. This allows the router with this MANET interface address to be immediately considered as a symmetric 2-hop neighbor if it fails to be a symmetric 1-hop neighbor.

An element which specifies a time is considered expired if the current time is greater than or equal to that time. One such element in most Tuples when expired indicates that the Tuple itself is considered expired and MUST be removed when that element so indicates. Tuples which do not have such a time element are removed at other times as specified, for example a Neighbor Tuple is removed when all corresponding Link Tuples have been removed.

7.1. Link Set

A router's Link Set records links from other routers which are, or recently were, 1-hop neighbors. It consists of Link Tuples, each representing a single link:

```
(L_neighbor_iface_addr_list, L_HEARD_time, L_SYM_time,  
L_quality, L_pending, L_lost, L_time)
```

where:

L_neighbor_iface_addr_list is an unordered list of the addresses of the MANET interface of the 1-hop neighbor;

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L_HEARD_time is the time until which the MANET interface of the 1-hop neighbor would be considered heard if not considering link quality;

L_SYM_time is the time until which the link to the 1-hop neighbor would be considered symmetric if not considering link quality;

L_quality is a dimensionless number between 0 (inclusive) and 1 (inclusive) describing the quality of a link; a greater value of L_quality indicating a higher quality link;

L_pending is a boolean flag, describing if a link is considered pending (i.e. a candidate, but not yet established, link);

L_lost is a boolean flag, describing if a link is considered lost due to link quality;

L_time specifies when this Tuple expires and MUST be removed.

The status of the link, as obtained through HELLO message exchange, and also taking link quality into account, is denoted L_status. L_status can take the values PENDING, HEARD, SYMMETRIC and LOST. The values LOST, SYMMETRIC and HEARD are defined in Section 17.5. The value PENDING is never used in a HELLO message, it is only used locally by a router, and any value distinct from LOST, SYMMETRIC and HEARD may be used.

L_status is defined by:

1. If L_pending = true, then L_status := PENDING;
2. otherwise, if L_lost = true, then L_status := LOST;
3. otherwise, if L_SYM_time is not expired, then L_status := SYMMETRIC;
4. otherwise, if L_HEARD_time is not expired, then L_status := HEARD;
5. otherwise, L_status := LOST.

7.2. 2-Hop Set

A router's 2-Hop Set records symmetric 2-hop neighbor interface addresses, and the symmetric links to symmetric 1-hop neighbors through which the symmetric 2-hop neighbors can be reached. It consists of 2-Hop Tuples, each representing a single interface address of a symmetric 2-hop neighbor, and a single MANET interface

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of a symmetric 1-hop neighbor.

(N2_neighbor_iface_addr_list, N2_2hop_iface_addr, N2_time)

where:

N2_neighbor_iface_addr_list is an unordered list of the addresses of the MANET interface of the symmetric 1-hop neighbor from which this information was received;

N2_2hop_iface_addr is an address of an interface of a symmetric 2-hop neighbor which has a symmetric link (using any MANET interface) to the indicated symmetric 1-hop neighbor;

N2_time specifies when this Tuple expires and MUST be removed.

8. Neighbor Information Base

Each router maintains a Neighbor Information Base that records information about addresses of current and recently symmetric 1-hop neighbors.

8.1. Neighbor Set

A router's Neighbor Set records all interface addresses of each 1-hop neighbor. It consists of Neighbor Tuples, each representing a single 1-hop neighbor:

(N_neighbor_iface_addr_list, N_symmetric)

where:

N_neighbor_iface_addr_list is an unordered list of the interface addresses of a 1-hop neighbor;

N_symmetric is a boolean flag, describing if this is a symmetric 1-hop neighbor.

Neighbor Tuples are removed from the Neighbor Set only when corresponding Link Tuples expire from the routers' Link Set, i.e. Neighbor Tuples are not directly subject to timer-based expiration.

8.2. Lost Neighbor Set

A router's Lost Neighbor Set records addresses of all interfaces of routers which recently were symmetric 1-hop neighbors, but are now advertised as lost. It consists of Lost Neighbor Tuples, each representing a single such address:

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(NL_neighbor_iface_addr, NL_time)

where:

NL_neighbor_iface_addr is an address of an interface of a router which recently was a symmetric 1-hop neighbor of this router;

NL_time specifies when this Tuple expires and MUST be removed.

9. Local Information Base Changes

The Local Information Base MUST change to respond to changes in the router's local interface configuration. The router MUST update its Interface Information Base and Neighbor Information Base in response to such changes. If any changes in the Interface Information Base or the Neighbor Information Base satisfy any of the conditions described in Section 13, then those changes must be applied immediately, unless noted otherwise.

A router MAY transmit HELLO messages in response to these changes.

9.1. Adding an Interface

If an interface is added to the router then this is indicated by the addition of a Local Interface Tuple to the Local Interface Set. If the new interface is a MANET interface then an initially empty Interface Information Base MUST be created for this new MANET interface. The actions in Section 9.3 MUST be taken for each address of this added interface. A HELLO message MAY be sent on all MANET interfaces, it SHOULD be sent on the new interface if it is a MANET interface. If using scheduled messages, then a message schedule MUST be established on a new MANET interface.

9.2. Removing an Interface

If an interface is removed from the router, then this MUST result in changes to the Local Information Base and to the Neighbor Information Base as follows:

1. Identify the Local Interface Tuple that corresponds to the interface to be removed.
2. For each address (henceforth removed address) in the I_local_iface_addr_list of that Local Interface Tuple, create a Removed Interface Address Tuple with:

* IR_local_iface_addr := removed address;

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* IR_time := current time + I_HOLD_TIME.

3. Remove that Local Interface Tuple from the Local Interface Set.
4. If the interface to be removed is a MANET interface (i.e. with I_manet = true) then:
 1. Remove the Interface Information Base for that MANET interface;
 2. All Neighbor Tuples for which none of the addresses in its N_neighbor_iface_addr_list are contained in any L_neighbor_iface_addr_list in any remaining Link Set, are removed.

If a router removes the Local Interface Tuple that contains the interface address which is used to define the router's originator address, as defined in [RFC5444], then the router MAY change originator address. If this interface address may now be used by another router (e.g. if the address was taken from a prefix no longer delegated to this router, or if the address was assigned with an expiration timer, and not renewed before expiration) then this router MUST change originator address.

If the removed interface is the last MANET interface of the router, then there will be no remaining Interface Information Bases, and the router will longer participate in this protocol.

After removing the interface and making these changes, a HELLO message MAY be sent on all remaining MANET interfaces.

9.3. Adding an Address to an Interface

If an address is added to an interface then this is indicated by the addition of an address to the appropriate I_local_iface_addr_list. The following changes MUST be made to the Information Bases:

1. The Neighbor Tuples, if any, whose N_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains the added address, are removed.
2. Any Link Tuples, in any Link Set, whose L_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains:
 - * the added address; OR
 - * any address in the N_neighbor_iface_addr_list of any removed Neighbor Tuple

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are removed; apply Section 13.2, but not Section 13.3.

3. Any Lost Neighbor Tuples whose NL_neighbor_iface_addr = the added address, are removed.
4. Any 2-Hop Tuples whose N2_2hop_iface_addr = the added address, are removed.

After adding the address and making these changes, a HELLO message MAY be sent on all MANET interfaces.

9.4. Removing an Address from an Interface

If an address (henceforth removed address) is removed from an interface then:

1. Identify the Local Interface Tuple that corresponds to the interface to be removed.
2. If this is the only address of that interface (the only address in the corresponding I_local_iface_addr_list) then remove that interface as specified in Section 9.2.
3. Otherwise:
 1. Remove the removed address from this I_local_iface_addr_list.
 2. Create a Removed Interface Address Tuple with:
 - + IR_local_iface_addr := removed address;
 - + IR_time := current time + I_HOLD_TIME.

If a router removes the interface address that is used to define the router's originator address, as defined in [RFC5444], then the router MAY change originator address. If this interface address may now be used by another router then this router MUST change originator address.

After removing the address and making these changes, a HELLO message MAY be sent on all MANET interfaces.

10. Packets and Messages

The packet and message format used by this protocol is defined in [RFC5444], which is used with the following considerations:

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- o This protocol specifies one Message Type, the HELLO message.
- o A HELLO message MAY use any combination of Message Header options.
- o HELLO messages MUST NOT be forwarded.
- o HELLO messages MAY be included in multi-message packets as specified in [RFC5444].
- o Received HELLO messages MUST be parsed in accordance with [RFC5444]. A HELLO message which is not in conformance with [RFC5444] MUST be discarded. A HELLO message may also be discarded for other reasons, see Section 12.1.
- o This protocol specifies three Address Block TLVs. It also uses two Message TLVs defined in [timetlv]. These five TLV Types are all defined only with Type Extension = 0. TLVs of other types, and of these types but without Type Extension = 0, are ignored by this protocol. All references in this protocol to, for example, an Address Block TLV with Type = LINK_STATUS, are to be considered as referring to an Address Block TLV with Type = LINK_STATUS and Type Extension = 0.

10.1. HELLO Messages

A HELLO message MUST contain:

- o A VALIDITY_TIME Message TLV as specified in [timetlv], representing H_HOLD_TIME for the transmitting MANET interface. The options included in [timetlv] for representing zero and infinite times MUST NOT be used.

A HELLO message which is transmitted periodically SHOULD contain, and otherwise MAY contain:

- o An INTERVAL_TIME Message TLV as specified in [timetlv], representing HELLO_INTERVAL for the transmitting MANET interface. The options included in [timetlv] for representing zero and infinite times MUST NOT be used.

A HELLO message MAY contain:

- o Other Message TLVs.
- o One or more Address Blocks, each with an associated Address Block TLV Block, which MAY contain other Address Block TLVs.

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10.1.1. Address Blocks

All addresses in a router's Local Interface Set (i.e. in any `I_local_iface_addr_list`) MUST be included in the Address Blocks in all generated HELLO messages with the following exception. If the MANET interface on which the HELLO message is to be sent has a single interface address with maximum prefix length, then that address MAY be omitted from being included in an Address Block, provided that this address is included as the sending address of the IP datagram in which the HELLO message is included. All addresses of the router's interfaces included in an Address Block MUST be associated with an Address Block TLV with Type = LOCAL_IF, as defined in Table 1.

Name	Value Length	Description
LOCAL_IF	1 octet	Specifies that the address is an address associated with the interface on which the message was sent (THIS_IF) or another interface of the sending router (OTHER_IF).

Table 1: LOCAL_IF TLV definition

Address Blocks MAY contain current or recently lost 1-hop neighbors' interface addresses, each of which is associated with Address Block TLVs as described in Table 2.

Name	Value Length	Description
LINK_STATUS	1 octet	Specifies the status of the link from the indicated address (LOST, SYMMETRIC or HEARD).
OTHER_NEIGHB	1 octet	Specifies that the address is (SYMMETRIC) or was (LOST) of an interface of a symmetric 1-hop neighbor of the router transmitting the HELLO message.

Table 2: LINK_STATUS and OTHER_NEIGHB TLV definition

An Address Block TLV with Type = LINK_STATUS and Value = SYMMETRIC or Value = LOST also performs the function of an Address Block TLV with Type = OTHER_NEIGHB and the same value. The latter SHOULD NOT also

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be included. If an Address Block TLV with Type = LINK_STATUS and Value = SYMMETRIC is combined with an Address Block TLV with Type = OTHER_NEIGHB and Value = LOST then the latter MUST be ignored, and SHOULD NOT be included. See Appendix A.

Other addresses MAY be included in Address Blocks, but MUST NOT be associated with any of the Address Block TLVs specified in this specification.

11. HELLO Message Generation

Each MANET interface MUST generate HELLO messages according to the specification in this section. HELLO messages are generated for each HELLO interface independently. HELLO message generation and scheduling MUST be according to the interface parameters for that MANET interface, and MAY be independent for each MANET interface or, interface parameters permitting, MANET interfaces MAY use the same schedule.

If transmitting periodic HELLO messages then, following a HELLO message transmission on a MANET interface, another HELLO message MUST be transmitted on the same MANET interface after an interval not greater than HELLO_INTERVAL. Two successive HELLO message transmissions on the same MANET interface MUST be separated by at least HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL, except as noted in Section 11.2.1.

11.1. HELLO Message Specification

HELLO messages are generated independently on each MANET interface.

All addresses in any I_local_iface_addr_list MUST be included, except that:

- o If the interface on which the HELLO message is to be sent has a single interface address with maximum prefix length then that interface address MAY be omitted, provided that this address is included as the sending address of the IP datagram in which the HELLO message is included.

All such included addresses MUST be associated with an Address Block TLV included with Type := LOCAL_IF and Value according to the following:

- o If the address is an address of the sending interface, then Value := THIS_IF.
- o Otherwise, Value := OTHER_IF.

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The following addresses of current or former 1-hop neighbors MAY be included in any HELLO message:

- o Addresses of MANET interfaces of 1-hop neighbors from the Link Set of the Interface Information Base for this MANET interface, other than those from Link Tuples with L_status = PENDING.
- o Other addresses of symmetric 1-hop neighbors from the Neighbor Set of this router's Neighbor Information Base.
- o Addresses of MANET interfaces of previously symmetric or heard 1-hop neighbors connected on this MANET interface from the Link Set of the Interface Information Base for this MANET interface. (These are advertised for a period equal to this interface's L_HOLD_TIME after loss.)
- o Other addresses of previously symmetric 1-hop neighbors from the Lost Neighbor Set of this router's Neighbor Information Base. (These are advertised for a period equal to N_HOLD_TIME after loss.)

Each such address MUST be associated with one or more appropriate Address Block TLVs, respecting the parameter REFRESH_INTERVAL for each association for each MANET interface. Specifically:

1. For each address (henceforth linked address) which is contained in an L_neighbor_iface_addr_list of a Link Tuple in the Link Set for this MANET interface, for which L_status != PENDING, include the linked address with an associated Address Block TLV with:
 - * Type := LINK_STATUS; AND
 - * Value := L_status.
2. For each address (henceforth neighbor address) which is contained in an N_neighbor_iface_addr_list in a Neighbor Tuple with N_symmetric = true, and which has not already been included with an associated Address Block TLV with Type = LINK_STATUS and Value = SYMMETRIC, include the neighbor address with an associated Address Block TLV with:
 - * Type := OTHER_NEIGHB; AND
 - * Value := SYMMETRIC.
3. For each Lost Neighbor Tuple whose NL_neighbor_iface_addr (henceforth lost address) has not already been included, include the lost address with an associated Address Block TLV with:

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- * Type := OTHER_NEIGHB; AND
- * Value := LOST.

If any such addresses have been added since the last HELLO message was sent on this MANET interface, or if their status (as indicated by these TLVs and the values they associate with that address) have changed since that address was last reported on this MANET interface, then that address, and the indicated TLVs, MUST be included in the HELLO message.

If a 1-hop neighbor address is specified with more than one associated Address Block TLV, then these Address Block TLVs MAY be independently included or excluded from each HELLO message. Each such Address Block TLV MUST be included associated with that address in a HELLO message sent on that MANET interface in every interval of length equal to that MANET interface's parameter REFRESH_INTERVAL. Address Block TLVs associated with the same address included in the same HELLO message MAY be applied to the same or different copies of that address.

11.2. HELLO Message Transmission

HELLO messages are transmitted in the packet/message format specified by [RFC5444] using the "LL-MANET-Routers" multicast address specified by [manet-iana] as destination IP address, using either the "manet" UDP port, or the "manet" IP protocol number specified in [manet-iana].

11.2.1. HELLO Message Jitter

HELLO messages MAY be sent using periodic message generation or externally triggered message generation. If using data link and physical layers which are subject to packet loss due to collisions, HELLO messages SHOULD be jittered as described in [RFC5148].

Internally triggered message generation (such as due to a change in local interfaces) MAY be treated as if externally generated message generation, or MAY be not jittered.

HELLO messages MUST NOT be forwarded, and thus message forwarding jitter does not apply to HELLO messages.

Each form of jitter described in [RFC5148] requires a parameter MAXJITTER. These interface parameters may be dynamic, and are specified by:

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- o For periodic message generation: HP_MAXJITTER.
- o For externally triggered message generation: HT_MAXJITTER.

When HELLO message generation is delayed in order that a HELLO message is not sent within HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL of the previous HELLO message on the same MANET interface, then HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL SHOULD be reduced by jitter, with maximum reduction HP_MAXJITTER, as described in [RFC5148]. In this case HP_MAXJITTER MUST NOT be greater than HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL.

12. HELLO Message Processing

On receiving a HELLO message, a router MUST first check if the message is invalid for processing by this router, as defined in Section 12.1. Otherwise the receiving router MUST update its appropriate Interface Information Base and its Neighbor Information Base as specified in Section 12.3 to Section 12.6. These updates MUST be performed in the order in which they are presented in this specification. If any changes satisfy any of the conditions described in Section 13 then the indicated consequences MUST be applied immediately, unless noted otherwise.

All message processing, including determination of whether a message is invalid, considers only TLVs with Type Extension = 0. TLVs with any other type extension are ignored. All references to, for example, a TLV with Type = LINK_STATUS refer to a TLV with Type = LINK_STATUS and Type Extension = 0.

12.1. Invalid Message

A received HELLO message is invalid for processing by this router if any of the following conditions are true.

- o The message has a <msg-hop-limit> field in its <msg-header> with a value other than one. (Note that the message need not have a <msg-hop-limit> field.)
- o The message has a <msg-hop-count> field in its <msg-header> with a value other than zero. (Note that the message need not have a <msg-hop-count> field.)
- o The message does not have a Message TLV with Type = VALIDITY_TIME in its Message TLV Block.
- o The message has more than one Message TLV with Type = VALIDITY_TIME in its Message TLV Block, and these Message TLVs indicate different validity times, as specified by [timetlv].

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- o The message has any Address Block TLV(s) with Type = LOCAL_IF and any single value v such that v != THIS_IF and v!= OTHER_IF.
- o Any address (including different copies of an address, in the same or different Address Blocks) is associated with more than one value by one or more Address Block TLV(s) with Type = LOCAL_IF.
- o Any address (the local address) associated with an Address Block TLV with Type = LOCAL_IF is one of the receiving router's current or recently used interface addresses (i.e. the local address is contained in any I_local_iface_addr_list in the Local Interface Set or the local address = any IR_local_iface_addr in the Removed Interface Address Set).
- o The message has any Address Block TLV(s) with Type = LINK_STATUS with any single value v such that v != LOST, v != SYMMETRIC, and v!= HEARD.
- o Any address (including different copies of an address, in the same or different Address Blocks) is associated with more than one value by one or more Address Block TLVs with Type = LINK_STATUS.
- o The message has any Address Block TLV(s) with Type = OTHER_NEIGHB with any single value v such that v!= LOST and v!= SYMMETRIC.
- o Any address (including different copies of an address, in the same or different Address Blocks) is associated with more than one value by one or more Address Block TLVs with Type = OTHER_NEIGHB.

An invalid message MUST be silently discarded, without updating the router's Information Bases. A router MAY recognize additional reasons for identifying that a message is badly formed, and discard such messages.

12.2. Definitions

For the purpose of this section, note the following definitions:

- o "validity time" is calculated from the Message TLV with Type = VALIDITY_TIME of the HELLO message as specified in [timetlv]. (Note that, as specified by Section 12.1, there must be such a Message TLV, and if there is more than one, they must indicate the same validity time.) All information in the HELLO message has the same validity time.
- o "Receiving Address List" is the I_local_iface_addr_list corresponding to the MANET interface on which the HELLO message was received

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- o "Sending Address List" is the list of the addresses contained in the HELLO message with an associated Address Block TLV with Type = LOCAL_IF and Value = THIS_IF. If the Sending Address List is otherwise empty, then the Sending Address List contains a single address (with maximum prefix length) equal to the sending address of the IP datagram in which the HELLO message was included.
- o "Neighbor Address List" is the Sending Address List, plus the addresses contained in the HELLO message with an associated Address Block TLV with Type = LOCAL_IF and Value = OTHER_IF.
- o EXPIRED indicates that a timer is set to a value clearly preceding the current time (e.g. current time - 1).
- o "Removed Address List" is a list of addresses created by this HELLO message processing which were formerly reported as local by the router originating the HELLO message, but which are not included in the Neighbor Address List. This list is initialized as empty.
- o "Lost Address List" is a subset of the Removed Address List containing addresses which were formerly considered as symmetric. This list is initialized as empty.

12.3. Updating the Neighbor Set

On receiving a HELLO message, the router MUST update its Neighbor Set and populate the Removed Address List and Lost Address List:

1. Find all Neighbor Tuples (hereafter matching Neighbor Tuples) where:
 - * N_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains at least one address in the Neighbor Address List.
2. If there are no matching Neighbor Tuples, then:
 1. Create a new Neighbor Tuple with:
 - + N_neighbor_iface_addr_list := Neighbor Address List;
 - + N_symmetric := false.
3. If there is one matching Neighbor Tuple, then:
 1. If the matching Neighbor Tuple's N_neighbor_iface_addr_list != Neighbor Address List, then:

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1. For each address (henceforth removed address) which is contained in that `N_neighbor_iface_addr_list`, but is not contained in the Neighbor Address List:
 1. Add the removed address to the Removed Address List.
 2. If `N_symmetric = true`, then add the removed address to the Lost Address List.
2. Update the matching Neighbor Tuple by:
 - `N_neighbor_iface_addr_list := Neighbor Address List`.
4. If there are two or more matching Neighbor Tuples, then:
 1. For each address (henceforth removed address) which is contained in the `N_neighbor_iface_addr_list` of any of the matching Neighbor Tuples:
 1. Add the removed address to the Removed Address List.
 2. If `N_symmetric = true`, then add the removed address to the Lost Address List.
 2. Replace the matching Neighbor Tuples by a single Neighbor Tuple with:
 - + `N_neighbor_iface_addr_list := Neighbor Address List`;
 - + `N_symmetric := false`

12.4. Updating the Lost Neighbor Set

On receiving a HELLO message, a router MUST update its Lost Neighbor Set:

1. For each address (henceforth lost address) which is contained in the Lost Address List, if no Lost Neighbor Tuple with `NL_neighbor_iface_addr = lost address` exists, then add a Lost Neighbor Tuple with:
 - * `NL_neighbor_iface_addr := lost address`;
 - * `NL_time := current time + N_HOLD_TIME`.

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12.5. Updating the Link Set

On receiving a HELLO message, a router MUST update its Link Set for the MANET interface on which the HELLO message is received:

1. Remove all addresses in the Removed Address List from the L_neighbor_iface_addr_list of all Link Tuples.
2. Remove all Link Tuples whose L_neighbor_iface_addr_list is now empty; apply Section 13.2, but not Section 13.3.
3. Find all Link Tuples (hereafter matching Link Tuples) where:
 - * L_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains one or more addresses in the Sending Address List.
4. If there is more than one matching Link Tuple, then remove them all; apply Section 13.2, but not Section 13.3.
5. If no matching Link Tuples remain, then create a new matching Link Tuple with:
 - * L_neighbor_iface_addr_list := empty;
 - * L_HEARD_time := EXPIRED;
 - * L_SYM_time := EXPIRED;
 - * L_quality := INITIAL_QUALITY;
 - * L_pending := INITIAL_PENDING;
 - * L_lost := false;
 - * L_time := current time + validity time.
6. The matching Link Tuple, existing or new, is then modified as follows:
 1. If the router finds any address (henceforth receiving address) in the Receiving Address List in an Address Block in the HELLO message, then the Link Tuple is modified as follows:
 1. If any receiving address in the HELLO message is associated with an Address Block TLV with Type = LINK_STATUS and with Value = HEARD or Value = SYMMETRIC then:

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- L_SYM_time := current time + validity time.

2. Otherwise if any receiving address in the HELLO message is associated with an Address Block TLV with Type = LINK_STATUS and Value = LOST then:

1. if L_SYM_time has not expired, then:

1. L_SYM_time := EXPIRED.

2. if L_status = HEARD or L_status = SYMMETRIC, then:

* L_time := current time + L_HOLD_TIME.

2. L_neighbor_iface_addr_list := Sending Address List.

3. L_HEARD_time := max(current time + validity time, L_SYM_time).

4. If L_status = PENDING, then:

+ L_time := max(L_time, L_HEARD_time).

5. Otherwise if L_status = HEARD or L_status = SYMMETRIC, then:

+ L_time := max(L_time, L_HEARD_time + L_HOLD_TIME).

12.6. Updating the 2-Hop Set

On receiving a HELLO message a router MUST update its 2-Hop Set for the MANET interface on which the HELLO message was received:

1. Remove all addresses in the Removed Address List from the N2_neighbor_iface_addr_list of all 2-Hop Tuples.

2. If the Link Tuple whose L_neighbor_iface_addr_list = Sending Address List, has L_status = SYMMETRIC then:

1. For each address (henceforth 2-hop address) in an Address Block of the HELLO message, where:

+ 2-hop address is not contained in the Neighbor Address List;

+ 2-hop address is not contained in any I_local_iface_addr_list; AND

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- + 2-hop address != any IR_local_iface_addr
- 4. If 2-hop address has an associated Address Block TLV with:
 - Type = LINK_STATUS and Value = SYMMETRIC; OR
 - Type = OTHER_NEIGHB and Value = SYMMETRIC,then, if there is no 2-Hop Tuple such that:
 - N2_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains one or more addresses in the Sending Address List; AND
 - N2_2hop_iface_addr = 2-hop address.then create a 2-Hop Neighbor Tuple with:
 - N2_2hop_iface_addr := 2-hop address.This 2-Hop Tuple (existing or new) is then modified as follows:
 - N2_neighbor_iface_addr_list := Sending Address List;
 - N2_time := current time + validity time.
- 5. Otherwise if the 2-hop address has an Address Block TLV with:
 - Type = LINK_STATUS and Value = LOST or Value = HEARD;
OR
 - Type = OTHER_NEIGHB and Value = LOST;then remove all 2-Hop Tuples with:
 - N2_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains one or more addresses in the Sending Address List; AND
 - N2_2hop_iface_addr = 2-hop address.

13. Other Information Base Changes

The Interface and Neighbor Information Bases MUST be changed when some events occur. These events may result from HELLO message processing, or may be otherwise generated (e.g. expiry of timers or link quality changes).

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Events which cause changes in the Information Bases are:

- o A Link Tuple's L_status changes to symmetric.
- o A Link Tuple's L_status changes from symmetric, or the Link Tuple is removed.
- o A Link Tuple's L_HEARD_time expires, or the Link Tuple is removed.
- o Local interface address changes, as specified in Section 9.
- o Link quality changes, as specified in Section 14.

If a Link Tuple is removed, or if L_status changes from symmetric and L_HEARD_time expires, then Section 13.2 MUST be performed before Section 13.3 for that Link Tuple.

A router MAY report updated information in response to any of these changes in HELLO message(s), subject to the constraints in Section 11.

A router which transmits HELLO messages in response to such changes SHOULD transmit a HELLO message:

- o On all MANET interfaces, if the Neighbor Set changes such as to indicate the change in symmetry of any 1-hop neighbors (including addition or removal of symmetric 1-hop neighbors).
- o Otherwise, on all those MANET interfaces whose Link Set changes such as to indicate a change in L_status of any 1-hop neighbors (including the addition or removal of any 1-hop neighbors, other than those considered pending).

13.1. Link Tuple Symmetric

If, for any Link Tuple which does not have L_status = SYMMETRIC:

- o L_status := SYMMETRIC;

(this includes a newly created Link Tuple which is immediately updated to have L_status := SYMMETRIC) then:

1. For the Neighbor Tuple whose N_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains L_neighbor_iface_addr_list, set:
 - * N_symmetric := true.

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2. Remove all Lost Neighbor Tuples whose NL_neighbor_iface_addr is contained in that N_neighbor_iface_addr_list.

13.2. Link Tuple Not Symmetric

If for any Link Tuple with L_status = SYMMETRIC:

- o L_status changes to any other value; OR
- o the Link Tuple is removed;

then:

1. All 2-Hop Tuples for the same MANET interface with:
 - * N2_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains one or more addresses in L_neighbor_iface_addr_list;are removed.
2. For the Neighbor Tuple whose N_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains L_neighbor_iface_addr_list:
 1. If there are no remaining Link Tuples for any MANET interface where:
 - + L_neighbor_iface_addr_list is contained in N_neighbor_iface_addr_list; AND
 - + L_status = SYMMETRIC;then modify the Neighbor Tuple by:
 1. N_symmetric := false.
 2. For each address (henceforth neighbor address) in N_neighbor_iface_addr_list, add a Lost Neighbor Tuple with:
 - NL_neighbor_iface_addr := neighbor address;
 - NL_time := current time + N_HOLD_TIME.

13.3. Link Tuple Heard Timeout

If, for any Link Tuple:

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- o L_HEARD_time expires; OR
- o the Link Tuple is removed;

then:

1. For the Neighbor Tuple whose N_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains L_neighbor_iface_addr_list, if no Link Tuples for any MANET interface remain where:

- * L_neighbor_iface_addr_list is contained in N_neighbor_iface_addr_list; AND
- * L_HEARD_time is not expired;

then remove the Neighbor Tuple.

14. Link Quality

Link quality is a mechanism whereby a router MAY take considerations other than message exchange into account for determining when a link is and is not a candidate for being considered as HEARD or SYMMETRIC.

Link quality information for a link is generated (e.g. through access to signal to noise ratio, packet loss rate, or other information from the link layer) and used only locally, i.e. is not included in signaling, and routers may interoperate whether they are using the same, different, or no, link quality information.

For deployments where no link quality is used, the considerations in Section 14.1 apply. For deployments where link quality is used, the general principles of link quality usage are described in Section 14.2. Section 14.3 and Section 14.4 detail link quality functioning.

14.1. Deployment Without Link Quality

In order for a router to not employ link quality, the router MUST define:

- o INITIAL_PENDING := false;
- o INITIAL_QUALITY >= HYST_REJECT (there is no reason not to define INITIAL_QUALITY := 1).

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14.2. Basic Principles of Link Quality

To enable link quality usage, the `L_quality` value of a Link Tuple is used in conjunction with two thresholds, `HYST_ACCEPT` and `HYST_REJECT`, to set the flags `L_pending` and `L_lost` of that Link Tuple. Based on these flags, the link status to advertise for that Link Tuple is determined as described in Section 7.1.

The use of two thresholds implements link hysteresis, whereby a link which has `HYST_REJECT <= L_quality < HYST_ACCEPT` may be either accepted or rejected (depending on which threshold it has most recently crossed, or, if neither, on the value of parameter `INITIAL_PENDING`). With appropriate values of these parameters, this prevents over-rapid changes of link status.

The basic principles of link quality usage are as follows:

- o A router does not advertise a neighbor interface in any state until `L_quality` is acceptable:
 - * If `INITIAL_PENDING = true`, then this is such that `L_quality >= HYST_ACCEPT`.
 - * Otherwise this is such that `L_quality >= HYST_REJECT`. To ensure this, a router **MUST NOT** define `INITIAL_PENDING = false` and `INITIAL_QUALITY < HYST_REJECT`. (A router also **MUST NOT** define `INITIAL_PENDING = true` and `INITIAL_QUALITY >= HYST_ACCEPT`.)

A link which is not yet advertised has `L_pending = true`.

- o Once `L_quality >= HYST_ACCEPT`, the router sets `L_pending := false`, indicating that the link can be advertised.
- o A link for which `L_pending = false` is advertised until its `L_quality` drops below `HYST_REJECT`.
- o If a link has `L_pending = false` and `L_quality < HYST_REJECT`, the link is `LOST` and is advertised as such. This link is not reconsidered as a candidate `HEARD` or `SYMMETRIC` link until `L_quality >= HYST_ACCEPT`.
- o A link which has an acceptable quality may be advertised as `HEARD`, `SYMMETRIC` or `LOST` according to the exchange of `HELLO` messages.

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14.3. When Link Quality Changes

If `L_quality` for a link changes, then the following actions MUST be taken:

1. If `L_quality` \geq `HYST_ACCEPT` then the corresponding Link Tuple is modified by:
 1. `L_pending` := false.
 2. `L_lost` := false.
 3. If `L_status` = `HEARD` or `L_status` = `SYMMETRIC`, then:
 - + `L_time` := $\max(\text{L_time}, \text{L_HEARD_time} + \text{L_HOLD_TIME})$
2. If `L_status` \neq `PENDING`, and `L_quality` $<$ `HYST_REJECT` then the corresponding Link Tuple is modified by:
 1. If `L_lost` = false, then:
 - + `L_lost` := true
 - + `L_time` := $\min(\text{L_time}, \text{current time} + \text{L_HOLD_TIME})$

Any appropriate action indicted in Section 13 MUST also be taken.

If `L_quality` for a link is updated based on HELLO message reception, or on reception of a packet including a HELLO message, then `L_quality` MUST be updated prior to the HELLO message processing described in Section 12. (If the receipt of the HELLO message, or the packet containing it, creates the Link Tuple, then the Link Tuple MUST be created with the appropriately updated `L_quality` value, rather than with `L_quality` := `INITIAL_QUALITY`.)

14.4. Updating Link Quality

A router MAY update link quality based on any information available to it. Particular cases that MAY be used include:

- o Information from the link layer, such as signal to noise ratio or packet acknowledgement reception and loss information.
- o Receipt or loss of control packets. If control packets include a sequential packet sequence number, as defined in [RFC5444], then link quality can be updated when a control packet is received, whether or not it contains a HELLO message. The link quality may then, for example, be based on whether the last N out of M control

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packets on the link were received, or may use a "leaky integrator" tracking packet reception and loss.

- o Receipt or loss of HELLO messages. If the maximum interval between HELLO messages is known (such as by inclusion in HELLO messages of a Message TLV with Type := INTERVAL_TIME, as defined in [timetlv]) then the loss of HELLO messages can be determined without the need to receive a later HELLO message. Note that if this case is combined with the previous case then care must be taken to avoid "double counting" a lost HELLO message in a lost packet.

15. Proposed Values for Parameters and Constants

This section lists the parameters and constants used in the specification of the protocol, and proposed values of each which may be used when a single value of each is used.

15.1. Message Interval Interface Parameters

- o HELLO_INTERVAL := 2 seconds
- o HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL := HELLO_INTERVAL/4
- o REFRESH_INTERVAL := HELLO_INTERVAL

15.2. Information Validity Time Interface Parameters

- o H_HOLD_TIME := 3 x REFRESH_INTERVAL
- o L_HOLD_TIME := H_HOLD_TIME

15.3. Information Validity Time Router Parameters

- o N_HOLD_TIME := L_HOLD_TIME
- o I_HOLD_TIME := N_HOLD_TIME

15.4. Link Quality Interface Parameters

If link quality is changed, then parameter values will depend on the link quality process. If link quality is not changed, then:

- o HYST_ACCEPT := 1
- o HYST_REJECT := 0

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- o INITIAL_QUALITY := 1
- o INITIAL_PENDING := false

15.5. Jitter Interface Parameters

- o HP_MAXJITTER := HELLO_INTERVAL/4
- o HT_MAXJITTER := HP_MAXJITTER

15.6. Constants

- o C := 1/1024 second

16. Security Considerations

The objective of this protocol is to allow each router in the network to acquire information describing its 1-hop and symmetric 2-hop neighborhoods. This is acquired through message exchange between neighboring routers. The information is made available through the Interface Information Bases and Neighbor Information Base, describing the router's 1-hop neighborhood and symmetric 2-hop neighborhood.

Under normal circumstances, the information recorded in these Information Bases is correct, i.e. corresponds to the actual network topology, apart from any changes which have not (yet) been tracked by the HELLO message exchanges.

If a router for some reason, whether malice or malfunction, injects invalid HELLO messages, incorrect information may be recorded in other routers' Information Bases. The protocol specification does, however, prevent inconsistent information from being injected in the protocol sets through the constraints in Appendix B. The exact consequence of information inexactness depends on the use of these Information Bases, and should be reflected in the specification of protocols which use information provided by NHDP.

This section, therefore, only outlines the ways in which correctly formed, but still invalid, HELLO messages may appear, in Section 16.1. In addition, in Section 16.2, the security suggestions in [RFC5444] are considered for applicability.

16.1. Invalid HELLO messages

A correctly formed, but still invalid, HELLO message may take any of the following forms. Note that a present or absent address in an Address Block, does not in and by itself cause a problem. It is the presence, absence, or incorrectness of associated LOCAL_IF,

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LINK_STATUS and OTHER_NEIGHB Address Block TLVs that causes problems.

A router may provide false information about its own identity:

- * The HELLO message may contain addresses with an associated LOCAL_IF Address Block TLV which do not correspond to addresses of interfaces of the router transmitting the HELLO message.
- * The HELLO message may omit addresses, or their associated LOCAL_IF Address Block TLV, of interfaces of the router transmitting the HELLO message (other than the allowed omission of the only local interface address of the MANET interface over which the HELLO message is transmitted, if that is the case).
- * The HELLO message may incorrectly specify the LOCAL_IF Address Block TLV value associated with one or more local interface addresses, indicating incorrectly whether they are associated with the MANET interface over which the HELLO message is transmitted.

A router may provide false information about the identity of other routers:

- * A present LINK_STATUS Address Block TLV may, incorrectly, identify an address as being of a MANET interface which is or was heard on the MANET interface over which the HELLO message is transmitted.
- * A consistently absent LINK_STATUS Address Block TLV may, incorrectly, fail to identify an address as being of a MANET interface which is or was heard on the MANET interface over which the HELLO message is transmitted.
- * A present OTHER_NEIGHB Address Block TLV may, incorrectly, identify an address as being of a router which is or was in the sending router's symmetric 1-hop neighborhood;
- * A consistently absent OTHER_NEIGHB Address Block TLV may, incorrectly, fail to identify an address as being of a router which is or was in the sending router's symmetric 1-hop neighborhood;
- * The value of a LINK_STATUS Address Block TLV may incorrectly indicate the status (LOST, SYMMETRIC or HEARD) of the link from a 1-hop neighbor.
- * The value of an OTHER_NEIGHB Address Block TLV may incorrectly indicate the status (LOST or SYMMETRIC) of a symmetric 1-hop

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16.2. Authentication, Integrity and Confidentiality Suggestions

The security mechanisms suggested in [RFC5444] with respect to authentication and integrity can be applied to this neighborhood discovery protocol, with the following additional considerations:

- o As HELLO messages MUST NOT be forwarded, the fields <msg-hop-count> and <msg-hop-limit> are either omitted, or will always have the values of 0 and 1, respectively.
- o Consequently, a cryptographic signature can be calculated based on the entire HELLO message, including its Message Header, and included in a Message TLV of an appropriate type.
- o As HELLO messages MUST NOT be forwarded, and in case hop-by-hop packet level authentication and integrity is ensured by including an appropriate Packet TLV containing a cryptographic signature across the entire packet, inclusion of an additional Message TLV containing a cryptographic signature for the HELLO Message may not be necessary.

The security mechanisms suggested in [RFC5444] with respect to confidentiality can be directly applied to this neighborhood discovery protocol.

17. IANA Considerations

This specification defines one Message Type, which must be allocated from the "Message Types" repository of [RFC5444], and three Address Block TLV Types, which must be allocated from the "Message TLV Types" repository of [RFC5444].

17.1. Expert Review: Evaluation Guidelines

For the registries where an Expert Review is required, the designated expert SHOULD take the same general recommendations into consideration as are specified by [RFC5444].

17.2. Message Types

This specification defines one Message Type, to be allocated from the 0-223 range of the "Message Types" namespace defined in [RFC5444], as specified in Table 3.

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Name	Type	Description
HELLO	TBD1	Local signaling

Table 3: Message Type assignment

17.3. Message-Type-specific TLV Type Registries

IANA is requested to create a registry for Message-Type-specific Message TLVs for HELLO messages, in accordance with Section 6.4 of [RFC5444], and with initial assignments and allocation policies as specified in Table 4.

Type	Description	Allocation Policy
128-223	Unassigned	Expert Review

Table 4: HELLO Message-Type-specific Message TLV Types

IANA is requested to create a registry for Message-Type-specific Address Block TLVs for HELLO messages, in accordance with Section 6.5 of [RFC5444], and with initial assignments and allocation policies as specified in Table 5.

Type	Description	Allocation Policy
128-223	Unassigned	Expert Review

Table 5: HELLO Message-Type-specific Address Block TLV Types

17.4. Address Block TLV Types

This specification defines three Address Block TLV Types, which must be allocated from the "Address Block TLV Types" namespace defined in [RFC5444]. IANA are requested to make allocations in the 0-127 range for these types. This will create three new type extension registries with assignments as specified in Table 6, Table 7 and Table 8. Specifications of these Address Block TLVs are in Section 10.1.1, with value constants defined in Section 17.5.

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Name	Type	Type extension	Description
LOCAL_IF	TBD2	0	Specifies that the address is associated with a local interface of the sending router
		1-255	Expert Review

Table 6: Address Block TLV Type assignment: LOCAL_IF

Name	Type	Type extension	Description
LINK_STATUS	TBD3	0	Specifies the status of the link from the indicated address (LOST, SYMMETRIC or HEARD)
		1-255	Expert Review

Table 7: Address Block TLV Type assignment: LINK_STATUS

Name	Type	Type extension	Description
OTHER_NEIGHB	TBD4	0	Specifies that the address is (SYMMETRIC) or recently was (LOST) of an interface of a symmetric 1-hop neighbor of the router transmitting the message
		1-255	Expert Review

Table 8: Address Block TLV Type assignment: OTHER_NEIGHB

17.5. LINK_STATUS and OTHER_NEIGHB Values

The values which the LOCAL_IF Address Block TLV can use are the following:

- o THIS_IF := 0
- o OTHER_IF := 1

The values which the LINK_STATUS Address Block TLV can use are the

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following:

- o LOST := 0
- o SYMMETRIC := 1
- o HEARD := 2

The values which the OTHER_NEIGHB Address Block TLV can use are the following:

- o LOST := 0
- o SYMMETRIC := 1

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Appendix A. Address Block TLV Combinations

The algorithm for generating HELLO messages in Section 11 specifies which 1-hop addresses may be included in the Address Blocks, and with which associated Address Block TLVs. These Address Block TLVs may have Type = LINK_STATUS or Type = OTHER_NEIGHB, or both. Address Block TLVs with Type = LINK_STATUS may have three possible values (Value = HEARD, Value = SYMMETRIC or Value = LOST), and Address Block TLVs of TYPE = OTHER_NEIGHB may have two possible values (Value = SYMMETRIC or Value = LOST). When both Address Block TLVs are associated with the same address only certain combinations of these Address Block TLV values are necessary, and are the only combinations generated by the algorithm in Section 11. These combinations are indicated in Table 9.

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Cells labeled with "Yes" indicate the possible combinations which are generated by the algorithm in Section 11. Cells labeled with "No" indicate combinations not generated by the algorithm in Section 11, but which are correctly parsed and interpreted by the algorithm in Section 12. The cell labeled with "No*" is actually inconsistent, it is handled by ignoring the Address Block TLV with Type = OTHER_NEIGHB.

	Type = OTHER_NEIGHB (absent)	Type = OTHER_NEIGHB, Value = SYMMETRIC	Type = OTHER_NEIGHB, Value = LOST
Type = LINK_STATUS (absent)	No	Yes	Yes
Type = LINK_STATUS, Value = HEARD	Yes	Yes	Yes
Type = LINK_STATUS, Value = SYMMETRIC	Yes	No	No*
Type = LINK_STATUS, Value = LOST	Yes	Yes	No

Table 9: LINK_STATUS and OTHER_NEIGHB TLV combinations

Appendix B. Constraints

Any process which updates the Local Information Base or the Neighbor Information Base MUST ensure that all constraints specified in this appendix are maintained.

In each Local Interface Tuple:

- o I_local_iface_addr_list MUST NOT be empty.
- o I_local_iface_addr_list MUST NOT contain any duplicated addresses.
- o I_local_iface_addr_list MUST NOT contain any address which is in the I_local_iface_addr_list of any other Local Interface Tuple.

In each Removed Interface Address Tuple:

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- o IR_local_iface_addr MUST NOT contain any address which is in the I_local_iface_addr_list of any Local Interface Tuple.
- o IR_local_iface_addr MUST NOT equal the IR_local_iface_addr of any other Removed Interface Address Tuple.

In each Link Tuple:

- o L_neighbor_iface_addr_list MUST NOT be empty.
- o L_neighbor_iface_addr_list MUST NOT contain any address which is in the I_local_iface_addr_list of any Local Interface Tuple or the IR_local_iface_addr of any Removed Interface Address Tuple.
- o L_neighbor_iface_addr_list MUST NOT contain any duplicated addresses.
- o L_neighbor_iface_addr_list MUST NOT contain any address which is in the L_neighbor_iface_addr_list of any other Link Tuple in the same Link Set.
- o If L_HEARD_time has not expired then there MUST be a Neighbor Tuple whose N_neighbor_iface_addr_list contains L_neighbor_iface_addr_list.
- o L_HEARD_time MUST NOT be greater than L_time.
- o L_SYM_time MUST NOT be greater than L_HEARD_time (unless both are expired).
- o L_quality MUST NOT be less than 0 or greater than 1.
- o If L_quality >= HYST_ACCEPT then L_pending MUST be false.
- o If L_quality < HYST_REJECT then L_status MUST be PENDING or LOST.
- o L_pending MUST NOT be set to true if it is currently false.

In each Neighbor Tuple:

- o N_neighbor_iface_addr_list MUST NOT contain any address which is in the I_local_iface_addr_list of any Local Interface Tuple or the IR_local_iface_addr of any Removed Interface Address Tuple.
- o N_neighbor_iface_addr_list MUST NOT contain any duplicated addresses.

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- o N_neighbor_iface_addr_list MUST NOT contain any address which is in the N_neighbor_iface_addr_list of any other Neighbor Tuple.
- o If N_symmetric is = true, then there MUST be one or more Link Tuples with:
 - * L_neighbor_iface_addr_list contained in N_neighbor_iface_addr_list; AND
 - * L_status = SYMMETRIC.
- o If N_symmetric is = false, then there MUST be one or more Link Tuples with:
 - * L_neighbor_iface_addr_list contained in N_neighbor_iface_addr_list.

All such Link Tuples MUST NOT have L_status = SYMMETRIC. At least one such Link Tuple MUST have L_HEARD_time not expired.

In each Lost Neighbor Tuple:

- o NL_neighbor_iface_addr MUST NOT be in the I_local_iface_addr_list of any Local Interface Tuple or the IR_local_iface_addr of any Removed Interface Address Tuple.
- o NL_neighbor_iface_addr MUST NOT equal the NL_neighbor_iface_addr of any other Lost Neighbor Tuple.
- o NL_neighbor_iface_addr MUST NOT be in the N_neighbor_iface_addr_list of any Neighbor Tuple with N_symmetric = true.

In each 2-Hop Tuple:

- o There MUST be a Link Tuple associated with the same MANET interface with:
 - * L_neighbor_iface_addr_list = N2_neighbor_iface_addr_list; AND
 - * L_status = SYMMETRIC.
- o N2_2hop_iface_addr MUST NOT be in the I_local_iface_addr_list of any Local Interface Tuple or the IR_local_iface_addr of any Removed Interface Address Tuple.
- o N2_2hop_iface_addr MUST NOT be the N2_2hop_iface_addr of any other 2-Hop Tuple in the same 2-Hop Set and with the same

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N2_neighbor_iface_addr_list.

- o N2_2hop_iface_addr MUST NOT be in the N2_neighbor_iface_addr_list of the same 2-Hop Tuple.

Appendix C. HELLO Message Example

An example HELLO message, transmitted by an originator router with a single MANET interface, is as follows.

The message has full Message Header (four bit flags field value is 15). Its four bit Message Address Length field has value 3 and hence addresses in the message have length four octets, here being IPv4 addresses. The message is as transmitted with a hop limit of 1 and a hop count of 0. The overall message length is 49 octets.

The message contains a Message TLV Block with content length 8 octets containing two Message TLVs, of types VALIDITY_TIME and INTERVAL_TIME. Each uses a Message TLV with flags octet value 16, indicating that each has a value. Each has a value length of 1 octet; the values included (0x64 and 0x58) are time codes representing the default values of parameters H_HOLD_TIME and HELLO_INTERVAL, respectively (6 seconds and 2 seconds) assuming the default value of constant C (1/1024 second).

The message has a single Address Block containing 5 addresses. The flags octet value 128 indicates an address Head but no address Tail, and no address prefixes. The Head Length of 3 octets indicates address Mid sections of one octet each (Mid 0 to Mid 4).

The following Address Block TLV Block (content length 14 octets) includes two Address Block TLVs. The first is a LOCAL_IF Address Block TLV which (with flags octet value 80) indicates that a single address, with index 0 (i.e. Head:Mid 0) is the single local interface address of this router (the 1 octet value THIS_IF indicates that this address is of this interface). The second is a LINK_STATUS Address Block TLV which (with flags octet value 48) specifies the link status values of all reported neighbors in a single multivalued Address Block TLV which covers the addresses with indexes 1 to 4. The Address Block TLV value length of 4 octets indicates one octet per value per address. The last four addresses have associated link status, the first and second HEARD, the third SYMMETRIC, and the fourth LOST.

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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
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|      HELLO      |1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|
|              Originator Address
|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0|      Message Sequence Number
|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0| VALIDITY_TIME |0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1|0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0| INTERVAL_TIME |0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1|0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0|0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1|1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1|
|              Head
|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|      Mid 0      |      Mid 1      |      Mid 2      |      Mid 3      |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|      Mid 4      |0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0| LOCAL_IF
|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1| THIS_IF
|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
| LINK_STATUS   |0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1|0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0|      HEARD      |      HEARD      |      SYMMETRIC
|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|      LOST      |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
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Note that this example is for illustrative purposes. The essential information can be conveyed, more efficiently (assuming that the local interface address will be supplied by IP, and that the INTERVAL_TIME TLV is not needed) by the 29 octets:

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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
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|      HELLO      |0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0| VALIDITY_TIME |0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1|0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0|0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0|1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1|                               Head                               |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|      Mid 1      |      Mid 2      |      Mid 3      |      Mid 4      |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1| LINK_STATUS |0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0|
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0|      HEARD      |      HEARD      |      SYMMETRIC      |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
|      LOST      |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
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Appendix D. Flow and Congestion Control

This protocol specifies one Message Type, the HELLO message. The maximum size of a HELLO message is proportional to the size of the originating router's 1-hop neighborhood. HELLO messages MUST NOT be forwarded.

A router MUST report its 1-hop neighborhood in HELLO messages on each of its MANET interfaces at least each REFRESH_INTERVAL. This puts a lower bound on the control traffic generated by each router in the network employing this protocol.

A router MUST ensure that two successive HELLO messages sent on the same MANET interface are separated by at least HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL. (If using jitter then this may be reduced to a mean minimum value of HELLO_MIN_INTERVAL - HP_MAXJITTER/2.) Thus, this puts an upper bound on the control traffic generated by each router in the network employing this protocol.

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