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0x05 to 0x7F: Unassigned

0x80 to 0xFF: Unassigned (shim headers)

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0x80 to 0xFD: Unassigned (shim headers)

0xFE to 0xFF: Experimentation and testing

The values are tracked in the IANA LISP-GPE Next Protocol Registry as described in Section 6.1.

Next protocol values from 0x80 to 0xFF are assigned to protocols

encoded as generic "shim" headers. All shim protocols MUST use the header structure in Figure 4, which includes a Next Protocol field. When a shim header is used with other protocols identified by next protocol values from 0x0 to 0x7F, the shim header MUST come before the further protocol, and the next header of the shim will indicate which protocol follows the shim header.

Shim headers can be used to incrementally deploy new GPE features, keeping the processing of shim headers known to a given xTR implementation in the 'fast' path (typically an ASIC), while punting the processing of the remaining new GPE features to the 'slow' path.

Shim protocols MUST have the first 32 bits defined as:

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specified in [RFC6936].

The requirement to check the source IPv6 address in addition to the destination IPv6 address, plus the recommendation against reuse of source IPv6 addresses among LISP-GPE tunnels collectively provide some mitigation for the absence of UDP checksum coverage of the IPv6 header. A traffic-managed controlled environment that satisfies at least one of three conditions listed at the beginning of this section provides additional assurance.

#### 4.4. Ethernet Encapsulated Payloads

When a LISP-GPE router performs Ethernet encapsulation, the inner 802.1Q [IEEE.802.1Q\_2014] 3-bit priority code point (PCP) field MAY be mapped from the encapsulated frame to the 3-bit Type of Service field in the outer IPv4 header, or in the case of IPv6 the 'Traffic Class' field.

When a LISP-GPE router performs Ethernet encapsulation, the inner header 802.1Q [IEEE.802.1Q\_2014] VLAN Identifier (VID) MAY be mapped to, or used to determine the LISP Instance Identifier (IID) field.

#### 5. Backward Compatibility

LISP-GPE uses the same UDP destination port (4341) allocated to LISP.

When encapsulating IP packets to a non LISP-GPE capable router the

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#### 6.1. LISP-GPE Next Protocol Registry

IANA is requested to set up a registry of LISP-GPE "Next Protocol". These are 8-bit values. Next Protocol values in the table below are defined in this document. New values are assigned under the Specification Required policy [RFC8126]. The protocols that are being assigned values do not themselves need to be IETF standards track protocols.

Next Protocol	Description	Reference
0x00	Reserved	This Document
0x01	IPv4	This Document
0x02	IPv6	This Document
0x03	Ethernet	This Document
0x04	NSH	This Document
0x05..0x7F	Unassigned	
0x82..0xFF	Unassigned	

The values are tracked in the IANA LISP-GPE Next Protocol Registry as described in Section 6.1.

Next protocol values 0x7E, 0x7F and 0xFE, 0xFF are assigned for experimentation and testing as per [RFC3692].

Next protocol values from 0x80 to 0xFD are assigned to protocols encoded as generic "shim" headers. All shim protocols MUST use the header structure in Figure 4, which includes a Next Protocol field. When a shim header is used with other protocols identified by next protocol values from 0x0 to 0x7D, the shim header MUST come before the further protocol, and the next header of the shim will indicate which protocol follows the shim header.

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Shim protocols MUST have the first 32 bits defined as:

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The requirement to check the source IPv6 address in addition to the destination IPv6 address, plus the recommendation against reuse of source IPv6 addresses among LISP-GPE tunnels collectively provide some mitigation for the absence of UDP checksum coverage of the IPv6 header. A traffic-managed controlled environment that satisfies at least one of three conditions listed at the beginning of this section provides additional assurance.

#### 4.4. DSCP, ECN and TTL

When encapsulating IP (including over Ethernet) packets [RFC2983] provides guidance for mapping DSCP between inner and outer IP headers. The Pipe model typically fits better Network virtualization. The DSCP value on the tunnel header is set based on a policy (which may be a fixed value, one based on the inner traffic class, or some other mechanism for grouping traffic). Some aspects of the Uniform model (which treats the inner and outer DSCP value as a single field by copying on ingress and egress) may also apply, such as the ability to remark the inner header on tunnel egress based on transit marking. However, the Uniform model is not conceptually consistent with network virtualization, which seeks to provide strong isolation between encapsulated traffic and the physical network.

[RFC6040] describes the mechanism for exposing ECN capabilities on IP tunnels and propagating congestion markers to the inner packets. This behavior MUST be followed for IP packets encapsulated in LISP-GPE.

Though Uniform or Pipe models could be used for TTL (or Hop Limit in case of IPv6) handling when tunneling IP packets, Pipe model is more aligned with network virtualization. [RFC2003] provides guidance on handling TTL between inner IP header and outer IP tunnels; this model is more aligned with the Pipe model and is recommended for use with LISP-GPE for network virtualization applications.

When a LISP-GPE router performs Ethernet encapsulation, the inner 802.1Q [IEEE.802.1Q\_2014] 3-bit priority code point (PCP) field MAY be mapped from the encapsulated frame to the DSCP codepoint of the DS field defined in [RFC2474].

When a LISP-GPE router performs Ethernet encapsulation, the inner header 802.1Q [IEEE.802.1Q\_2014] VLAN Identifier (VID) MAY be mapped to, or used to determine the LISP Instance Identifier (IID) field.

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0x80..0xFD	Unassigned (shim headers)	
0x8E..0x8F	Experimentation and testing	This Document

## 7. Security Considerations

LISP-GPE security considerations are similar to the LISP security considerations and mitigation techniques documented in [RFC7835].

LISP-GPE, as many encapsulations that use optional extensions, is subject to on-path adversaries that by manipulating the P-Bit and the packet itself can remove part of the payload or claim to encapsulate any protocol payload type. Typical integrity protection mechanisms

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