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Abstract

Designing an efficient source address validation (SAV) filter requires minimizing false positives (i.e., avoiding blocking legitimate traffic) while maintaining directionality (see RFC8704). This document advances the technology for SAV filter design through a method that makes use of BGP UPDATE messages, Autonomous System Provider Authorization (ASPA), and Route Origin Authorization (ROA). The proposed method's name is abbreviated as BAR-SAV. BAR-SAV can be used by network operators to derive more robust SAV filters and thus improve network resilience. This document updates RFC8704.

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1. Introduction

Spoofed source addresses are often used in Denial of Service (DoS) and Distributed DoS (DDoS) attacks. Source address validation (SAV) filtering is used to drop packets with spoofed source addresses (see BCP 84 [RFC3704] [RFC8704]). A detailed review of unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (uRPF) techniques for SAV is provided in [RFC8704]). Also, [RFC8704] describes enhanced feasible-path uRPF (EFP-uRPF) methods that aim to minimize false positives (i.e., avoid blocking legitimate traffic) while maintaining directionality (see definitions

in [RFC3704]).

New technology for securing the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) [RFC4271] using Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI) [RFC6480] is seeing increasing adoption. Two of the currently existing or proposed types of signed objects in the RPKI can be leveraged for a more accurate SAV filter design as well. These are the Route Origin Authorization (ROA) and the Autonomous System Provider Authorization (ASPA) objects. A ROA is a cryptographically signed attestation by an IP address-resource holder listing their prefixes that are authorized to be originated in BGP by a specific autonomous system (AS) [RFC6482]. ROAs are currently used for RPKI-based Route Origin Validation (RPKI-ROV) [RFC6811] [RFC9319]. An ASPA is a cryptographically signed attestation by an AS listing its transit provider AS numbers (ASNs) [I-D.ietf-sidrops-aspa-profile]. The ASPA data is designed to be used for a form of AS path validation that can detect and mitigate route leaks [I-D.ietf-sidrops-aspa-verification]. See [RFC7908] for the definition of route leaks.

This document advances the technology for SAV filter design using methods that make use of ASPA, ROA, and/or BGP UPDATE data. A method is presented in Section 3 that makes use of only ASPA and ROA data to design the SAV filter. This method is for use in the future when the adoption of ROA and ASPA is ubiquitous. However, for use in the period before that, another method for SAV is presented in Section 4 that makes complementary use of BGP UPDATE messages along with ASPA and ROA data. Accordingly, the latter method's name is abbreviated as BAR-SAV. It is expected that just as the adoption of ROAs is growing at present [Monitor], the adoption of ASPA will also gain momentum in the near future. The BAR-SAV method additionally incorporates a refined version of Algorithm A of the EFP-uRPF technique (Section 3.1 of [RFC8704]). BAR-SAV can be used by network operators to derive more robust SAV filters and thus improve network resilience.

This document describes the design of ingress SAV allowlist filters for an interface facing a customer or lateral peer AS (Section 3, Section 4). The same procedure applies in both cases (Section 2). This document also describes the design of ingress SAV allowlist filters for an interface facing a transit provider (Section 7).

Throughout this document, ROA and ASPA data mean the payload data in cryptographically valid ROA and ASPA objects (see Section 4 in [RFC6482] and Section 4 in [I-D.ietf-sidrops-aspa-profile]).

The reader is encouraged to be familiar with [RFC8704], [RFC6482], [RFC6811], [I-D.ietf-sidrops-aspa-profile], and [I-D.ietf-sidrops-aspa-verification].

1.1. Requirements Language

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 BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

2. Same Procedure Applies to Customers and Lateral Peers

The same procedure applies for the construction of a permissible ingress SAV filter (i.e., allow list) for a customer or lateral peer interface. This is because the data packets received from a customer or lateral peer should have source addresses belonging only to the prefixes in the customer cone (CC) of said customer or lateral peer. The focus, therefore, is only on the CC of the neighbor in each case. Note that the CC includes the AS belonging to the customer or lateral peer.

3. SAV Using ASPA and ROA (Procedure X)

The procedure (called Procedure X) described in this section is for future scenarios when ASPA and ROA adoption is ubiquitous. In that scenario, robust SAV filters can be generated from the RPKI information (ASPA and ROA data) alone. The procedure is applicable for ingress SAV filter design for customer and lateral peer interfaces. An ISP may use Procedure X on a customer (or lateral peer) interface if it expects full adoption of ROAs and ASPAs in the CC of the neighbor.

A description of Procedure X (one that makes use of only ASPA and ROA data):

- * Step A: Compute the set of ASNs in the Customer's or Lateral Peer's customer cone using ASPA data.
- * Step B: Compute from ROA data the set of prefixes authorized to be announced by the ASNs found in Step A. Keep only the unique prefixes. This set is the permissible prefix list for SAV for the interface in consideration.

A detailed description of Procedure X is as follows:

1. Let the Customer or Lateral Peer ASN be denoted as AS-k.
2. Let $i = 1$. Initialize: AS-set $S(1) = \{AS-k\}$.
3. Increment i to $i+1$.

4. Create AS-set $S(i)$ of all ASNs whose ASPA data declares at least one ASN in AS-set $S(i-1)$ as a Provider.
 5. If AS-set $S(i)$ is null, then set $i_{\max} = i - 1$ and go to Step 6. Else, go to Step 3.
 6. Form the union of the sets, $S(i)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, i_{\max}$, and name this union as AS-set A.
 7. Select all ROAs in which the authorized origin ASN is equal to any ASN in AS-set A. Form the union of the sets of prefixes listed in the selected ROAs. Name this union set of prefixes as P-set.
 8. Apply P-set as the list of permissible prefixes for SAV.
4. SAV using BGP UPDATE Messages, ASPA, and ROA (BAR-SAV)

SAV using BGP UPDATE Messages, ASPA, ROA (BAR-SAV) as well as ACLs is described in this section and is meant for the period when there is a partial deployment of ROAs and ASPAs. To compensate for incomplete RPKI information, BAR-SAV augments ASPA data with BGP UPDATE AS_PATH data (and ASN ACLs) for discovering CC ASes, and it augments ROA data with BGP UPDATE data (and Prefix ACLs) for discovering all prefixes associated with ASes in the CC. The details of this procedure are described below.

BAR-SAV additionally incorporates a refined version of Algorithm A of EFP-uRPF (Section 3.1 of [RFC8704]). Algorithm A in [RFC8704] picked only the originating ASes from AS_PATHs received on the customer (or lateral peer) interface in consideration and included them for SAV filter computation. The variant of Algorithm A in [RFC8704] used here includes all ASes in the above-mentioned AS_PATHs for the SAV filter computation. Unless there is a route leak [RFC7908], each AS is a customer of the AS added next in AS_PATHs of BGP UPDATE messages received from a customer (or lateral peer). Additional customer-provider AS relations within the CC are discovered by examining all unique ASes in the AS_PATHs in BGP UPDATES received on all interfaces (from transit providers, customers, lateral peers, and IBGP peers). This is described in the step-by-step procedure later in this section.

Note that if a multi-homed AS is present in an above-mentioned AS_PATH and did not originate any prefix in the CC in consideration but originated a prefix into an overlapping neighboring CC, then the AS and prefix will still be detected and included in the design of the SAV filter. This improves the accuracy of the SAV filter in the BAR-SAV method in comparison to Algorithm A in [RFC8704].

One should not compute a customer cone by separately processing ASPA data and AS_PATH data and then merging the two sets of ASes at the end. Doing so is likely to miss ASes from the customer cone. Instead, both ASPAs and AS_PATHs should be used to iteratively expand the discovered customer cone. When new ASes are discovered, both ASPA and AS_PATH data should be used to discover customers of those ASes. This process is repeated for newly discovered customer ASes until there are no new ASes to be found.

As a measure of security, validation of the AS_PATH data in Adj-RIBs-In [RFC4271] should be performed using the procedures in [I-D.ietf-sidrops-asma-verification] [RFC9234] and any Invalid AS_PATHs must be excluded from inputs to the BAR-SAV procedure. This ensures that BGP UPDATES containing route leaks are not considered for BAR-SAV filter design. Please see additional discussion about route leaks in Section 9.

As a further measure of security, validation of BGP routes in Adj-RIBs-In must be performed by applying RPKI-ROV [RFC6811] and any Invalid routes must be excluded from inputs to the BAR-SAV procedure. Please see additional discussion about prefix/route filtering in Section 9.

A detailed description of the BAR-SAV procedure for the interface with a Customer or Lateral Peer AS is as follows:

1. Let the Customer or Lateral Peer ASN be denoted as AS-k.
2. Let $i = 1$. Initialize: AS-set $Z(1) = \{AS-k\}$.
3. Extend AS-set $Z(1)$ to include ASNs from any ASN ACL configured for the interface.
4. Increment i to $i+1$.
5. Create AS-set $A(i)$ of all ASNs whose ASPA data declares at least one ASN in AS-set $Z(i-1)$ as a Provider.
6. If AS-set $A(i)$ contains AS 0 or any ASes with IANA special purpose AS numbers [IANA-sp-ASN], remove such ASes from the set and proceed.
7. Create AS-set $B(i)$ of all customer ASNs each of which is a customer of at least one ASN in AS-set $Z(i-1)$ according to unique AS_PATHs in Adj-RIBs-In of all interfaces at the BGP speaker computing the SAV filter.

8. Form the union of AS-sets $A(i)$ and $B(i)$ and call it AS-set C . From AS-set C , remove any ASNs that are present in $Z(j)$, for $j=1$ to $j=(i-1)$. Call the resulting set $Z(i)$.
9. If AS-set $Z(i)$ is null, then set $i_{\max} = i - 1$ and go to Step 9. Else, go to Step 4.
10. Form the union of the AS-sets, $Z(i)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, i_{\max}$, and name this union as AS-set D .
11. Select all ROAs in which the authorized origin ASN is in AS-set D . Form the union of the sets of prefixes listed in the selected ROAs. Name this union set of prefixes as Pfx-set $Q1$.
12. Using the routes in Adj-RIBs-In of all interfaces, create a list of all prefixes originated by any ASN in AS-set D . Name this set of prefixes as Pfx-set $Q2$.
13. Form the union of Pfx-set $Q1$, Pfx-set $Q2$, and any Prefix ACL configured for this interface. Call the union set as Pfx-set Q . Apply Pfx-set Q as the list of permissible prefixes for SAV.

5. Operational Recommendations

Network operators SHOULD implement the BAR-SAV method (Section 4) for computing the permissible ingress prefix list for SAV on interfaces facing customers and lateral peers. BAR-SAV offers immediate incremental benefits to early adopters.

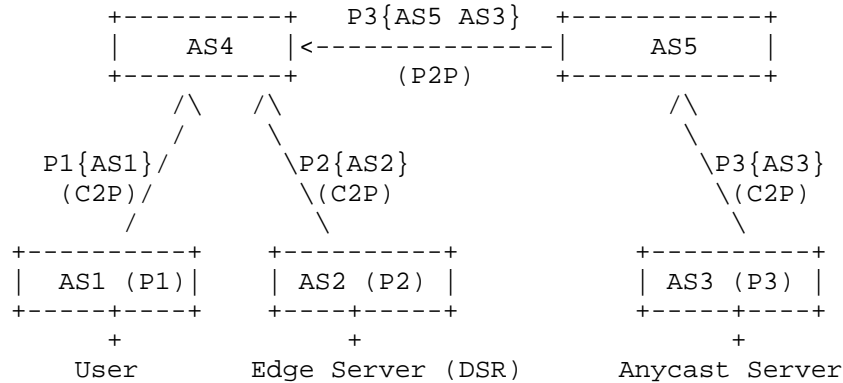
The operational recommendations provided in Section 3.2 of [RFC8704] are applicable and helpful for BAR-SAV (Section 4). Since Procedure X (Section 3) and the BAR-SAV procedure (Section 4) benefit from the registration of ROAs, network operators are RECOMMENDED to register ROAs and enable RPKI-ROV in their ASes. When ASPA registration becomes available, network operators are also RECOMMENDED to register ASPAs at that time.

The registration of ROAs and ASPAs helps with the detection and inclusion of otherwise hidden prefixes in the permissible list for SAV. Prefixes hidden in other SAV techniques often arise from the use of multi-homing in conjunction with limited propagation of prefixes in a given CC (for example, by attaching NO_EXPORT [RFC4271] to all prefixes announced from a customer AS to a transit provider AS). In such scenarios, it is strongly RECOMMENDED to AS operators to register ASPAs and ROAs, as this practice significantly enhances the precision and reliability of BAR-SAV. Transit providers should actively encourage their customer AS operators to register ROAs and ASPAs. This best practice should cascade throughout the entire customer hierarchy, ensuring widespread adoption.

5.1. Considerations for the CDN and DSR Scenario

Direct Server Return (DSR) is a common asymmetric routing scenario that is not supported by existing BCP-84 uRPF [RFC3704] and EFP-uRPF [RFC8704] SAV methods. DSR is commonly used by Content Delivery Networks (CDNs) that wish to use anycast service addresses but deliver data from edge locations that do not announce anycast addresses.

For example, in Figure 1, the CDN announces an anycast prefix P3 (from AS3) from a well-connected location with CDN control infrastructure. When a User from prefix P1 (AS1) establishes a connection to the anycast address and requests an object, an Anycast Server at the CDN may determine that the best location to serve the object is an Edge Server in a location close to the User. The Edge Server is reachable only via prefix P2 (AS2). The Anycast Server can forward packets arriving from the User to the Edge Server (via IP-IP tunneling or similar means), but the bulk data transmission would need to happen directly from the Edge Server to the User with an anycast source address (a P3 address).



Consider AS4 generating SAV list for interface to AS2:
 CDN's ROAs: {P3, AS3}, {P3, AS2}, {P2, AS2}
 AS2 should not/does not announce P3
 With the SAV methods in this document,
 AS4 correctly includes P2 and P3 in the SAV list

Figure 1: Illustration of how the solution functions for the CDN/DSR scenario.

Existing SAV methods of [RFC3704] and EFP-uRPF [RFC8704] would not allow AS4 to include P3 as a legitimate SA prefix on the interface to AS2. However, if the CDN (owner of prefix P3) registers a ROA object authorizing AS2 to originate P3, and AS4 uses an SAV procedure specified in this document (Section 4), then AS4 will use that ROA object to include P3 as a valid source prefix for the AS2 customer interface. The CDN may never want to announce a route to P3 from AS2, but the existence of this ROA would result in the construction of an SAV filter that would permit AS2 to send data packets with source addresses belonging to P3.

The CDN/DSR example above shows the DSR AS (i.e., AS2) as a customer of the AS doing SAV (i.e., AS4). The method described in this section works even when the DSR AS is a lateral peer of the AS doing SAV (see Section 2).

The CDN example above is just one DSR scenario. There are other cloud-based DSR scenarios that include low-latency gaming, mobile roaming, corporate networks of global enterprises, and others.

Recommendation: In a DSR scenario, a network operator must register ROAs that bind the edge server ASes with the anycast service prefix. This is in addition to registering a ROA authorizing the anycast server AS to announce the anycast prefix.

5.2. Prefixes Not Globally Routed but Used for Source Address

Prefixes that are not globally routed but used for source address fall into two categories as follows:

- * Type 1: Internal-use prefixes within specific ASes and emitted in data packets as source address only from those individual ASes.
- * Type 2: IANA allocated prefixes or addresses (application/service specific) that are not globally reachable but can be emitted in data packets as source address from perhaps any AS [IANA-v4-sp] [IANA-v6-sp].

The total number of either type of prefixes is expected to be very few.

Type 1 prefix owners MUST register ROAs for their prefixes including the ASes from where the prefix may be used for traffic sourcing. The ROAs allow the BAR-SAV algorithm to discover and include these prefixes in the SAV tables only for those interfaces where they belong in the respective customer cone. These prefixes will also be augmented by default to the SAV tables of all provider interfaces.

Note: Discussions about Traffic Origin Authorization (TOA) [I-D.qin-sidrops-toa] are in progress in the IETF. TOA in conjunction with an AS0 ROA is possibly an alternative way of discovering Type 1 prefixes for SAV. The BAR-SAV algorithms in this document can easily accommodate the use of TOA if its adoption occurs in the IETF.

Type 2 prefixes need to be carefully gleaned from IANA listed special-purpose IPv4 and IPv6 prefix lists. These are normally marked with Source = True, Destination = False, and Globally Reachable = False. Examples of Type 2 prefixes are 0.0.0.0/32, ::/128, 192.0.0.8/32, and 100:0:0:1::/64. Better understanding of the use of these addresses still needs to be developed for their implications for SAV, e.g., which interfaces may they appear on (e.g., only customer interfaces) and what is their propagation scope (e.g., internal to an ISP network and the IP packets do not exit the ISP's AS)?

Type 2 prefixes are not allocated to anyone in particular. For these prefixes, one possibility is to have an RIR register a ROA(s) with an IANA allocated special purpose ASN, and then the prefixes can be discovered and augmented universally to the ingress SAV table for any interface at any AS. Another possibility is that the prefixes can be just baked into the IETF specification for such augmentation. Another possibility is to leave the SAV handling of these prefixes up to an ISP and its customer ASes in case the prefixes are known not to propagate beyond the customer AS or the ISP.

5.3. Co-ordination of BAR-SAV with FIB/RIB-In and RPKI

It is essential for the BAR-SAV mechanism to be coordinated with the FIB/RIB-In to ensure that any route that may be received on the router interface in consideration (and eligible for best path selection) is considered in the SAV table computation. This coordination is necessary for achieving zero blocking of legitimate traffic (i.e., zero improper blocking) [I-D.haas-savnet-inter-domain-scaling]. Therefore, when a BGP session is started or restarted, the SAV table computation and the subsequent enforcement of SAV on the interface must be delayed to allow for routing convergence to complete. If BGP Updates arrive during the SAV table computation, those Updates should be used to update the SAV table as quickly as possible. If a BGP Withdraw message is received, hysteresis must be applied as described in Section 6.5.2. The computation of the SAV table is a continuous process, and it accommodates the dynamics of BGP (arrival and withdrawal of Updates) following the initial convergence after the BGP session start or restart.

BAR-SAV requires that the SAV table also stays coordinated with the dynamics in RPKI (ROAs and ASPAs) and is updated promptly in response to the changes in ROAs and ASPAs.

6. Operations and Management Considerations

This section highlights some important operations and management considerations and was motivated in part to address the comments received from the SIDROPS working group members.

6.1. Applicability of ASPA and ROA

A transit provider is a network that (a) offers its customers outbound (customer to Internet) data traffic connectivity and/or (b) further propagates in all directions (towards providers, lateral peers, and other customers) any BGP Updates that the customer may send [I-D.ietf-sidrops-aspa-profile]. In the latter case, it also provides transport for inbound data traffic. In all cases, the

customer AS should follow the specification in [I-D.ietf-sidrops-aspa-profile] and include the transit provider AS in its ASPA. Registering an ASPA prevents forged-origin hijacks for the customer AS and its prefixes, prevents route leaks involving the customer AS and facilitates BAR-SAV.

If a prefix is used for source addresses for hosts attached at an AS but not announced in BGP from that AS (e.g., the DSR scenario in Section 5.1), a ROA must be registered binding the prefix and the AS. This ROA registration assists in preventing hijacking of the prefix and helps facilitate BAR-SAV. It may be noted that a similar usage of ROA is made in the context of DDoS mitigation (see Section 5.1 in [RFC9319]), where hypothetically the prefix may never need to be originated by the AS of the DDoS mitigation provider.

6.2. BAR-SAV and Routing Policy

BAR-SAV identifies all ASes in a customer's (or lateral peer's) customer cone (CC), and then it discovers all prefixes that could plausibly be used as source addresses in data traffic originated from the ASes in the CC. If ASPA and ROA have been adopted by all ASes and prefix owners, respectively, in the CC of interest, then the list of plausible source address prefixes will be complete with no improper block (i.e., traffic with legitimate source addresses is not blocked). Further, deploying BAR-SAV by all ASes within the CC ensures no improper permit (i.e., traffic with spoofed source address is not admitted) on all customer interfaces in the CC. Note that routing policies of ASes may be such that some of the discovered prefixes may never be used as source addresses on a given customer interface of interest, but this does not impact BAR-SAV's accuracy.

6.3. Where to Deploy BAR-SAV

The discussion in Section 3.6.1 of [RFC8704] of the Forwarding Information Base (FIB) size estimates and the networks where SAV would be most effective are applicable to BAR-SAV as well. Smaller ISPs (and possibly some midsize and regional ISPs) are expected to implement the BAR-SAV method, since SAV in general is most effective closer to the edges of the Internet. For such networks, the conservatively estimated SAV filter list size is only a small fraction of the anticipated FIB memory size (see details in Section 3.6.1 of [RFC8704]).

6.4. Automation is the Key

SAV done manually, e.g., using ACLs, usually does not get much adoption because of operational costs, susceptibility to human errors, and tendency of SAV filters to get out of date due to the need for any changes by customers or peers to be coordinated with multiple parties (providers and peers). Automated uRPF technique, such as BAR-SAV, however, allow for easy, accurate, and cost effective deployments. The BAR-SAV method makes it possible to automate the construction of SAV filter lists aiming for no improper block and a minimal probability of improper permit of data traffic. As ASPA adoption picks up alongside the ongoing ROA adoption, BAR-SAV's accuracy of discovering all possible source addresses (prefixes) for the customer cone of interest improves even further in complex scenarios.

6.5. Implementation Guidelines

When a SAV filter is used to police data traffic, and an incomplete SAV filter list could cause legitimate traffic to be blocked, the use of robust implementation practices for RPKI data retrieval and cache management practices become paramount. Some of such recommended practices are discussed in this section.

6.5.1. Management of Local RPKI Repository Caches

RPKI infrastructure does not guarantee continuous availability of RPKI repositories. Local caches of RPKI signed objects, manifest files (MFTs), and certificate revocation lists (CRLs) are already maintained for managing ROA objects and router certificates [RFC8210]. That is being extended to ASPA objects as well [I-D.ietf-sidrops-8210bis]. The cache refresh frequency currently used for RPKI data should be sufficient for BAR-SAV purposes as well. If an RPKI repository publication point is unavailable, or there is any other failure in fetching its objects, the latest cached version of the objects associated with the repository must continue to be used, as described in [RFC9286].

If the RPKI cache server of some repository objects required for BAR-SAV computation is unavailable and/or the RPKI data cannot be fetched from the repository publication point, the SAV system SHOULD "fail open" and downgrade the SAV function on a given interface to "loose uRPF" described in BCP 84 [RFC3704] [RFC8704]. This downgrade is better than suspending SAV entirely since at least source addresses in unallocated and bogon space are rejected.

6.5.2. Coping with BGP's Transient Behavior

The reader is referred to [RFC8704], Section 3.6.2 for implementation guidelines concerning coping with BGP's transient behavior. In particular, the idea of hysteresis is described there which refers to delaying the removal of a prefix from the SAV allowlist when a prefix withdrawal occurs in BGP.

7. BAR-SAV on Provider Interface (BAR-SAV-PI)

For most networks, "loose uRPF" SAV method described in [RFC3704] and [RFC8704] is the current best practice for ingress SAV at provider interfaces of an AS to ensure no improper block. It is possible to use BGP UPDATE as well as RPKI ROA and ASPA data to compute a list of prefixes that originate exclusively within the CC of the AS (Section 4) and have all feasible AS paths to the AS exclusively within the CC. A set of such prefixes (call it Pfx-set S) can be subtracted from the list of allowed prefixes for SAV based on the loose uRPF method [RFC3704] [RFC8704].

A detailed description of the procedure for BAR-SAV-PI is as follows:

1. Per procedure in Section 4, compute AS-set D and Pfx-set Q for each customer interface of the AS in consideration.
2. Form the union of the AS-sets found above and call it AS-set Du. Also form the union of the Pfx-sets found above and call it Pfx-set Qu.
3. Modify Pfx-set Qu to keep only the prefixes whose routes in the RIBs-In (of the customer interfaces in consideration) are all RPKI-ROV Valid and have Valid AS path per ASPA verification.
4. Further modify Pfx-set Qu to keep only the prefixes that have all their allowed origin ASes (per ROAs) contained within AS-set Du.
5. Further modify Pfx-set Qu to keep only the prefixes with all feasible routes from their respective origin ASes to the local AS (i.e., AS doing SAV) such that each AS in the AS path of each route has all its Provider ASes (per ASPAs) contained within AS-set Du. Call the resulting modified set as Pfx-set S.
6. Subtract Pfx-set S from the set of allowed prefixes that pertain to loose uRPF for the Provider interfaces. Call this reduced set as Pfx-set Ga.

7. From Pfx-set Ga, subtract (a) any prefixes originated by the local AS that are single-homed and (b) any internal-use-only prefixes of the local AS. Call the resulting set as Pfx-set G.
8. Apply Pfx-set G as the allow list for ingress SAV at each provider interface of the local AS, after possibly extending Pfx-set G using an ACL configured for that provider interface.

At Step 5 above, the feasible paths are computed by utilizing the customer-to-provider AS relationships that are discovered at Steps 5 and 7 in the algorithm in Section 4 by making use of ASPA data and BGP AS_PATH data, respectively.

The BAR-SAV-PI method described above is expected to be directionally more accurate than loose uRPF and would result in fewer improper permits. Avoiding improper permits would improve incrementally with increasing deployment of ROAs and ASPAs in the AS's customer cone. Improper blocking is expected to be zero.

8. IANA Considerations

This document includes no request to IANA.

9. Security Considerations

The security considerations described in [RFC8704], [RFC6811], [I-D.ietf-sidrops-aspa-profile], and [I-D.ietf-sidrops-aspa-verification] also apply to this document.

The security and robustness of BAR-SAV are strengthened by supporting mechanisms for detecting and dropping BGP routes that are misoriginations or leaks. Section 4 stated the requirement of validating BGP route origins using RPKI-ROV [RFC6811]. It further helps if route origin validation using trusted IRR route objects and prefix filtering are also deployed (see [RFC7454] [NIST-800-189r1]). It is also advised that one or more of the available methods to prevent, detect, and mitigate route leaks are deployed (e.g., [RFC9234] [I-D.ietf-sidrops-aspa-verification] [I-D.ietf-grow-route-leak-detection-mitigation]).

10. References

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