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IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks— Link-local Registration Protocol

1. Overview

1.1 Scope

This standard specifies protocols, procedures, and managed objects for a Link-local Registration Protocol (LRP) to replicate a registration database from one end to the other of a point-to-point link and to replicate changes to parts of that database. A facility is provided to purge the replicated database if the source becomes unresponsive. Provision is made for a proxy system to operate LRP on behalf of a controlled system. LRP is optimized for databases on the order of 1 Mbyte.

1.2 Purpose

LRP is designed to facilitate the creation of applications that distribute information through all or part of a network.

1.3 State diagram conventions

This document uses the state diagram conventions defined in Annex E of IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018.¹ The programming language C (ISO/IEC 9899:2018) is also used to document the operation of conformant systems. C functions are distinguished with `this special fixed-width font (e.g., 9.4.6)`.

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1.7 Introduction

The Link-local Registration Protocol (LRP) provides an LRP Database Synchronization (LRP-DS) service interface (Clause 10) that can be used by one or more LRP applications in a network, each of which needs to distribute information to some or all of the relay systems and end systems in a network. The information is passed hop-by-hop, in the sense that each information element is associated with a specific pair of connected ports in the network.

LRP accomplishes its task by creating point-to-point bi-directional associations between systems' application instances, each association consisting of two one-way paths, and each path consisting of an applicant database at one end, and a registrar database at the other. LRP quickly and reliably replicates each applicant database to its neighbor's registrar database. Locally to a system, the application instance performs any propagation or modification of information among the applicant and registrar databases on different ports within a system. Globally, the application instances plus LRP can propagate information throughout a network. This standard does not specify any LRP application that might use LRP. These basic relationships are illustrated in Figure 1-1.

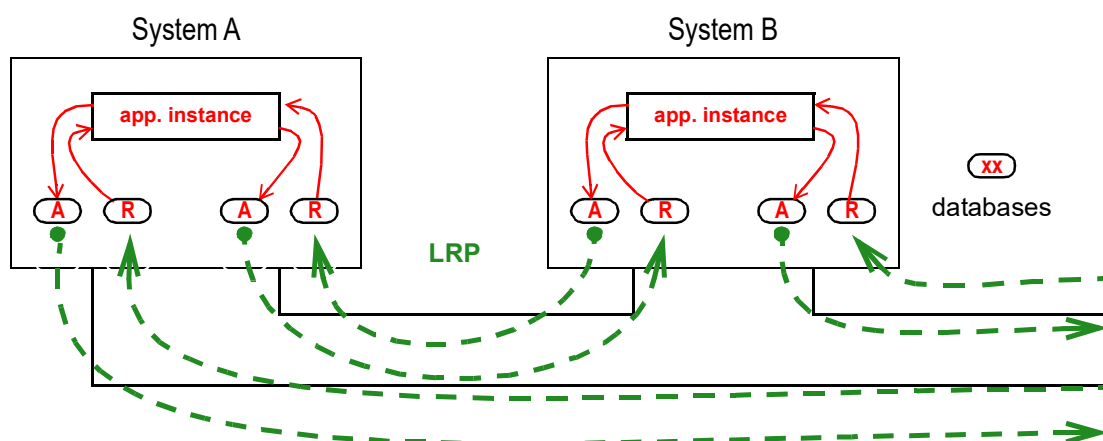


Figure 1-1—LRP simplified

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