Ethernet OAM Levels in Global Research Networks
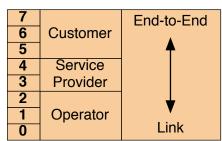
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MD Levels defined in IEEE 802.1ag

Level	Domain	Scope
7	Customer	End-to-End
6	Customer	
5	Customer	
4	Service Provider	
3	Service Provider	
2	Operator	
1	Operator	Link
0	Operator	

Monitoring in Ethernet OAM occurs between Measurement End Points (MEPs). Ethernet OAM defines eight Maintenance Domain (MD) levels (0...7) to specify the scope of the segment to measure: e.g. level 0 is typically used for monitoring individual links, while level 7 is typically used for monitoring end-to-end services.

The topology below gives an example how this can be applied in global research networks.

Campus Network — NREN — Exchange — Exchange — NREN — Campus Network

MEP (measurement end point)   MIP (measurement intermediate point)