Virtual Circuit Connectivity Verification (VCCV)
Capability Advertisement for MPLS Transport Profile (MPLS-TP)

Abstract

This document specifies how signaling and selection processes for
Pseudowire (PW) Virtual Circuit Connectivity Verification (VCCV) are
modified to ensure backward compatibility and allow use of proactive
Connectivity Verification (CV), Continuity Check (CC), and Remote
Defect Indication (RDI) over MPLS Transport Profile (MPLS-TP) PWs.
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a new VCCV Extended CV parameter for PW Interface Parameters Sub-TLV
is defined.

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1. Introduction

   Proactive Connectivity Verification (CV), Continuity Check (CC), and
   Remote Defect Indication (RDI) for the MPLS Transport Profile
   [RFC6428] are applicable to all constructs of the MPLS-TP, including
   pseudowires (PWs). If the control plane is used to operate and
   manage PWs then the procedures defined in [RFC5085] and [RFC5885]
   should be used to select the proper type of Control Channel and the
   corresponding type of Connectivity Verification. This document
   specifies how signaling and selection processes are modified to
   ensure backward compatibility and allow use of proactive CV-CC-RDI
   over MPLS-TP PWs.

1.1. Conventions Used in This Document

1.1.1. Terminology

   BFD: Bidirectional Forwarding Detection

   CC: Continuity Check

   CV: Connectivity Verification

   PE: Provider Edge

   VCCV: Virtual Circuit Connectivity Verification

1.1.2. 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
   [RFC2119].

2. MPLS-TP CC-CV on Pseudowires

   PW VCCV can support several CV Types, and it can support an arbitrary
   combination of CV modes advertised in the CV Types field of the VCCV
   Interface Parameter sub-TLV [RFC4446] [RFC4447]. Currently, six
   types of CV have been defined for PW VCCV. This document introduces
   four new CV types and, to accommodate them, a new VCCV Extended CV
   parameter for the PW Interface Parameters Sub-TLV is defined.

2.1. VCCV Extended CV Advertisement Sub-TLV

   The format of the VCCV Extended CV Advertisement is a TLV where the
   format is as follows:

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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
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   | Type = 0x19 |    Length     |   CV Type     |   Reserved      |
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
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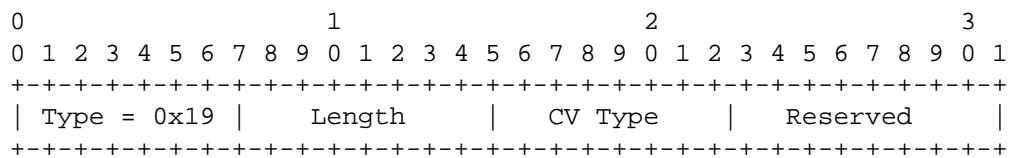
                  Figure 1: VCCV Extended CV Parameter Format

   The Length field is the length of the sub-TLV, including type and the
   Length field itself. The minimum length is 4. It is recommended
   that extensions to the sub-TLV be done in 4-byte increments.

   The Reserved field MUST be set to zeroes on transmit and ignored on
   receive.

   The CV Type field is a bitmask that lists types of CV monitoring that
   a PE is capable of supporting. The VCCV Extended CV parameter sub-
   TLV MUST appear in combination with the VCCV parameter sub-TLV. If
   the VCCV parameter sub-TLV is missing, then the VCCV Extended CV
   parameter sub-TLV SHOULD be ignored.

2.2. MPLS-TP CC-CV Types

   [RFC6428] defines coordinated and independent modes of monitoring
   point-to-point bidirectional connection that can be applied to
   monitoring PWs. At the same time, [RFC6310] defines how BFD-based

Operations, Administration, and Maintenance (OAM) can map to the
status of an Attachment Circuit. Thus, there could be four MPLS-TP
CV types for each combination of mode and functionality:

Modes	Fault Detection Only	Fault Detection and Status Signaling
Independent Mode	0x01	0x02
Coordinated Mode	0x04	0x08

Table 1: Bitmask Values for MPLS-TP CV Types

2.3. MPLS-TP CC-CV Type Operation

According to [RFC6428], connectivity verification is part of MPLS-TP
CC/CV operation that can be used with VCCV Control Channel Type 1
[RFC5085]. If VCCV Control Channel Type 1 is selected, then PEs MAY
select one of the MPLS-TP CC-CV types as the VCCV CV mechanism to be
used for this PW.

2.4. CV Type Selection

CV selection rules that have been defined in Section 7 of [RFC5085]
and updated in Section 4 of [RFC5885] are augmented in this document.

If VCCV Control Channel Type 1 is chosen according to Section 7 of
[RFC5085] and a common set of proactive CV types that are advertised
by both PEs includes MPLS-TP CC-CV types and some BFD CV types, then
MPLS-TP CC-CV takes precedence over any type of BFD CV. If multiple
MPLS-TP CV types are advertised by both PEs, then the following list
(ordered by descending priority) is used:

1. 0x08 - Coordinated mode for PW Fault Detection and AC/PW Fault
    Status Signaling

2. 0x04 - Coordinated mode for PW Fault Detection only

3. 0x02 - Independent mode for PW Fault Detection and AC/PW Fault
    Status Signaling

4. 0x01 - Independent mode for PW Fault Detection only

3. IANA Considerations

   The PW Interface Parameters Sub-TLV registry is defined in [RFC4446].

   IANA has reserved a new PW Interface Parameters Sub-TLV type as
   follows:

   +-----------+----------+---------------------------+---------------+
   | Parameter | Length | Description | Reference |
   | ID | | | |
   +-----------+----------+---------------------------+---------------+
   | 0x19 | variable | VCCV Extended CV Parameter | This document |
   +-----------+----------+---------------------------+---------------+

              Table 2: New PW Interface Parameters Sub-TLV

3.1. VCCV Extended CV Types

   IANA has set up a registry of VCCV Extended CV Types. These are
   8-bit values. Extended CV Type values 0x01, 0x02, 0x04, and 0x08 are
   specified in Section 2.2 of this document. The remaining values
   (0x10 through 0x80) are to be assigned by IANA using the "IETF
   Review" policy defined in [RFC5226]. A VCCV Extended Connectivity
   Verification Type description and a reference to an RFC approved by
   the IESG are required for any assignment from this registry.

   +-------------+---+
   | Bit(Value) | Description |
   +-------------+---+
Bit 0 (0x01)	Independent mode for PW Fault Detection only
Bit 1 (0x02)	Independent mode for PW Fault Detection and AC/PW
	Fault Status Signaling
Bit 2 (0x04)	Coordinated mode for PW Fault Detection only
Bit 3 (0x08)	Coordinated mode for PW Fault Detection and AC/PW
	Fault Status Signaling
Bit 4 (0x10)	Unassigned
Bit 5 (0x20)	Unassigned
Bit 6 (0x40)	Unassigned
Bit 7 (0x80)	Unassigned
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       Table 3: VCCV Extended Connectivity Verification (CV) Types

4. Security Considerations

   Routers that implement the additional CV Type defined herein are
   subject to the same security considerations as defined in [RFC5085],
   [RFC5880], [RFC5881], and [RFC6428]. This specification does not
   raise any additional security issues beyond those.

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