Enhanced Performance and Liveness Monitoring in Segment Routing Networks

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Agenda

- Requirements and Scope
- History and Summary of Updates
- Review of the Procedure
- Next Steps

Requirements and Scope

Requirements:

- In-band Performance and Liveness Monitoring (PLM) in SR networks
 - ✓ End-to-end SR paths
 - ✓ Applicable to SR-MPLS/SRv6 data planes
- Running single protocol in SR networks
 - ✓ Simplify implementations and reduce development cost
 - ✓ Simplify deployment and reduce operational complexity
- No Session-Reflector dependency
 - ✓ Session-Reflector unaware of the monitoring protocol
 - ✓ State is in the test packet spirit of SR
 - ✓ Higher test session scale and faster failure detection interval

Scope:

- Leverage RFC 8762 (Simple TWAMP (STAMP)) hardware implementation
 - Same location for timestamp fields in the new test packet formats

History of the Draft

- March 2020
 - Draft was published
- April 2020
 - Presented version 00 in IETF 107 Virtual MPLS WG Meeting
- July 2020
 - Presented version 02 in IETF 108 Online SPRING WG meeting
- September 2020
 - Presented version 02 in MPLS WG Interim meeting

Updates Since IETF-108 (Version-02)

Updates:

- ✓ Updated terminology
- ✓ Added authentication mode
- ✓ Added SRv6 Timestamp Endpoint function assignment and Node Capability section
- ✓ Added synthetic packet loss section
- ✓ Updated IANA section
- ✓ Various editorial changes

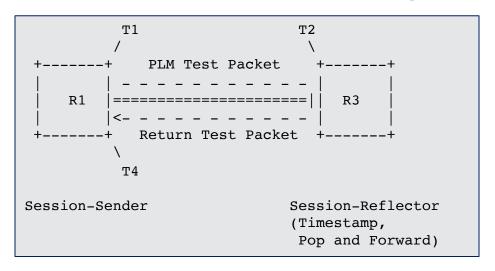
Open Items:

None

Loopback Mode for SR Policy

- PLM test packets in Loopback Mode
- PLM test packets are transmitted for each Segment List(s) of the SR Policy Candidate Path(s)
- PLM test packets are forwarded in fast-path just like data traffic on Session Reflector not punted to slow-path
- Session-Reflector is agnostic to the PLM protocol
- Round-trip delay = (T4 T1)

Loopback Mode Enabled with Network Programming Function



- PLM test packets transmitted in loopback mode enabled with network programming function
 - The network programming function optimizes the "operations of punt and generate the test packet" on Session-Reflector
 - As PLM test packets are forwarded in fast-path, higher session scale with faster failure detection interval is achieved
- Session-Reflector adds receive timestamp at a specific location in the payload of the received test packet in fast-path
 - Only adds the receive timestamp if the source address or destination address in the received test packet matches the local node address
 - Ensure loopback PLM test packets return from the intended Session-Reflector
- One-way delay = (T2 T1)

Example Provisioning Model

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Controller
PLM Mode
                                              Timestamp Label/SRV6 EB
Loopback or Enhanced Mode
                                                Timestamp Offset
Timestamp Label/SRv6 EB
                                                Timestamp Format
  Timestamp Format
Missed Packet Count (N)
Delay Threshold/Count (T/M)
Packet Loss Threshold (XofY) /
                           R1
                                             R3
                                Session-Sender
                                        Session-Reflector
                     Figure: Example Provisioning Model
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^{*} Provisioned, Flooded/Signaled or IANA Allocated

PLM Test Packet Formats

- Leverage existing STAMP implementations in hardware for timestamp field locations
- Session-Sender adds Transmit Timestamp (T1)
- Session-Reflector adds Receive Timestamp (T2) at offset-byte location in payload, for example,
 - offset-byte 16 from the start of the payload in unauthenticated mode, or
 - offset-byte 32 from the start of the payload in authenticated mode, or
 - locally provisioned location (consistently in the network)

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Sequence Number
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Transmit Timestamp (T1)
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Transmit Error Estimate SSID
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Receive Timestamp (T2)
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MBZ (12 Octets)
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Receive Error Estimate MBZ
+-
MBZ (4 Octets)
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PLM Test Packet Format in Unauthentication Mode

```
Sequence Number
      MBZ (12 octets)
      Transmit Timestamp (T1)
Transmit Error Estimate
MBZ (4 octets)
Receive Timestamp (T2)
MBZ (32 octets)
Receive Error Estimate
MBZ (6 octets)
MBZ (16 octets)
      HMAC (16 octets)
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PLM Test Packet Format in Authentication Mode

SR-MPLS with Timestamp Label

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Label(1)
        Label(n)
Extension Label (15)
Timestamp Label (TBA1 or TBA2)
IP Header
 Source IP Address = Session-Reflector IPv4 or IPv6 Address
 Destination IP Address = Session-Sender IPv4 or IPv6 Address
 UDP Header
  Source Port = As chosen by Session-Sender
  Destination Port = As chosen by Session-Sender
 PLM Test Packet
 Example PLM Test Packet with Timestamp Label for SR-MPLS
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- Timestamp label (TBA1) is defined for Timestamp, Pop and Forward function
- Reverse Path can be IP or SR-MPLS
- Source and Destination Addresses are swapped that represent the Reverse direction path

SRv6 with Timestamp Endpoint Function

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IP Header
   Source TP Address = Session-Sender TPv6 Address
  Destination IP Address = Destination IPv6 Address
  SRH as specified in RFC 8754
  <Segment List>
  End.TSF (TBA3 or TBA4) with Session-Reflector SID
  IP Header
  Source TP Address = Session-Reflector TPv6 Address
  Destination IP Address = Session-Sender IPv6 Address
  UDP Header
  Source Port = As chosen by Session-Sender
  Destination Port = As chosen by Session-Sender
 PLM Test Packet
Example PLM Test Packet with Timestamp Endpoint Function for SRv6
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- Timestamp Endpoint Function End.TSF (TBA3) is defined for Timestamp and Forward and is carried with the Session-Reflector node SID
- Reverse path can be IP
 - Session-Reflector removes SRH
- Reverse path can be SR
 - Reverse direction SR path Segmentlist carried in SRH
 - Session-Reflector does not remove the SRH
- Source and Destination Addresses are swapped that represent the Reverse direction path in the inner IPv6 header

Performance Metric Notifications

- Liveness success (success of heart beats) initially is notified as soon as one or more
 PLM return test packets are received at the Session-Sender
- Liveness failure (loss of heart beats) is notified when consecutive N number of PLM return test packets are not received at the Session-Sender
- Synthetic packet loss is notified when X number of PLM return test packets not received at the Session-Sender out of last Y PLM test packets transmitted (with configured XofY threshold)
- Delay metrics are notified as an example, when consecutive M number of PLM test packets have delay values exceed the configured thresholds (absolute/percentage)

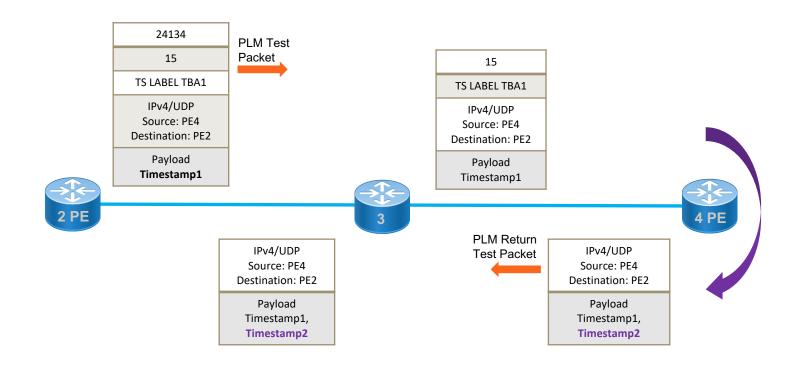
Next Steps

- Welcome your comments and suggestions
- Requesting SPRING WG adoption

Thank you

Backup

Loopback Mode with Timestamp and Forward for SR-MPLS Policy



Thank you