Enhanced Performance Delay 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:

- Performance Delay Monitoring & Liveness Monitoring in SR networks
 - ✓ End-to-end P2P/P2MP 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
 - ✓ Stateless on Session-Reflector (e.g. Session-Reflector unaware of the monitoring protocol)
 - ✓ State is in the probe message spirit of SR
 - ✓ Higher scale and faster detection interval

Scope:

- RFC 5357 (TWAMP Light) compatible probe message
- RFC 8762 (Simple TWAMP (STAMP)) compatible probe message

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:

- ✓ Use TWAMP (STAMP) compatible probe message format
- ✓ Use consistent terms for MPLS Timestamp Label and SRv6 Timestamp Endpoint
- ✓ Add extension Label 15 in MPLS header
- ✓ Add section on SRv6 Timestamp Endpoint function assignment and Node Capability
- ✓ Update IANA section
- ✓ Various editorial changes (e.g. moving some text to new Overview section)

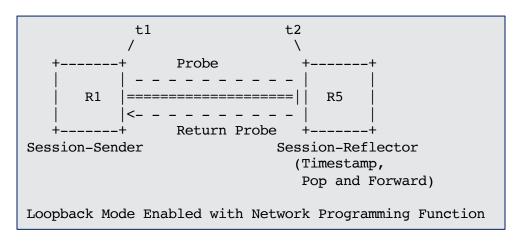
Open Items:

None

PM Probes in Loopback Mode for SR Policy

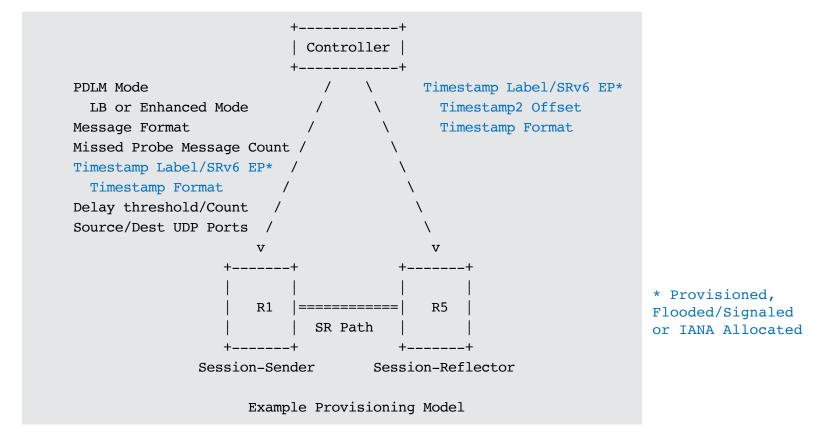
- Using PM delay measurement probe messages in Loopback Mode
- Probe messages are sent using Segment List(s) of the SR Policy Candidate Path(s)
- Probe messages are not punted on the Session-Reflector node out of fast-path in forwarding
- Session-Reflector is agnostic to the performance monitoring protocol
- Round-trip delay = (t4 t1)

Loopback Mode Enabled with Network Programming Function



- PM probes sent in loopback mode enabled with network programming function
 - The network programming function optimizes the "operations of punt and inject the probe packet" on the Session-Reflector node
 - As probe packets are forwarded in fast-path, higher scale with faster interval is possible resulting in faster failure detection
- Session-Reflector node adds receive timestamp at a specific location in the payload of the received probe message in fast-path
 - Only adds the receive timestamp if the source address or destination address in the probe message matches the local node address
 - Ensure loopback probe packets return from the intended Session-Reflector node
- One-way delay = (t2 t1)

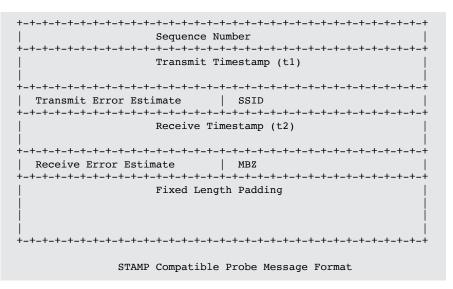
Example Provisioning Model



Probe Message Formats

- Leverage existing TWAMP implementations and deployments using compatible probe message format
- Session-Sender adds Transmit Timestamp (t1)
- Session-Reflector adds Receive Timestamp (t2) at offset-byte location in payload
 - offset-byte 16 from the start of the payload, 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 MBZ
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Receive Timestamp (t2)
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Receive Error Estimate MBZ
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. Variable Length Padding .
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TWAMP Compatible Probe Message Format



SR-MPLS with Timestamp Label

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Label(1)
  Extension Label (15)
Timestamp Label (TBA1)
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
 Payload
  Example Probe Message 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 (TBA2) 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
Pavload
Example Probe Message with Timestamp Endpoint Function for SRv6
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- Timestamp Endpoint Function End.TSF (TBA2) is defined for Timestamp and Forward and is carried with the Session-Reflector node SID
- Reverse path can be IP
 - Session-Reflector node removes SRH
- Reverse path can be SR
 - Reverse direction SR path Segmentlist carried in SRH
 - Session-Reflector node does not remove the SRH
- Source and Destination Addresses are swapped that represent the Reverse direction path in the inner IPv6 header

ECMP Support for SR Paths

- SR Paths can have ECMPs between the ingress and transit nodes, between transit nodes and between transit and egress nodes.
- PM probe messages can take advantage of the hashing function in forwarding plane to explore ECMP paths.
- Existing forwarding mechanisms are applicable to PM probe messages. Examples are:
 - For IPv4 when return path is also SR-MPLS
 - Sweeping destination address in IPv4 header (e.g. 127/8)
 - For IPv6
 - Sweeping flow label in IPv6 header

Performance Metric Notifications

- Delay metrics are notified as an example, when consecutive M number of probe messages have delay values exceed the configured thresholds
- Liveness failure (connection loss loss of heart beats) is notified when consecutive N number of return probe messages are not received at the Session-Sender node
- Liveness success (connection Up success of heart beats) initially is notified as soon as one or more return probe messages are received at the Session-Sender node
- Synthetic packet loss is notified when X number of return probe messages not received at the Session-Sender node out of last Y probe messages sent

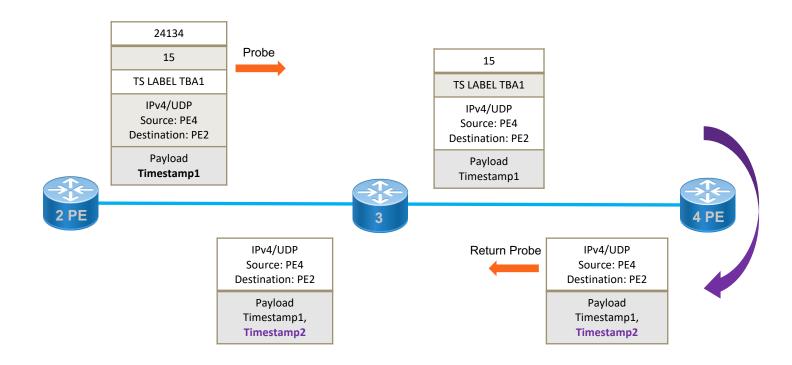
Next Steps

- Welcome your comments and suggestions
- Requesting SPRING WG adoption

Thank you

Backup

Loopback Mode with Timestamp and Forward for SR-MPLS Policy



Thank you