Monitor Traffic Flow through In-band Network Telemetry (INT)

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Outline

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Goal

- ▶ Understand how the packet is forwarded in the network.
- ▶ What to monitor?
 - ▶ The forwarding path
 - ► The length of queue in each switch
 - ► Time stayed in queue
 - ► Ingress Timestamp
 - ► Timestamp when the packet is first enqueued
- Users can select the information that they want to know.

Header Structure

- ► INT Identifier <4 bytes>
 - ▶ 0 off / 1 on
- ► INT Type <1 byte>
 - destination based 0
 - ▶ hop by hop 1
- ► INT length <1 byte>
 - ► Size of INT data

Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte3		
Ethernet					
IPv4					
TCP					
INT Identifier					
INT Type	Rsvd	INT length	Rsvd		
ins_cnt	max_hop_cnt	total_hop_cnt	Instruction map		
INT INFO					
Payload					

Header Structure

- ins_cnt <1 byte>
 - number of instruction
- instruction map < 1 byte>
 - e <1 bit>
 - ▶ inst0 <1 bit>
 - > switch id
 - ▶ inst1 <1 bit>
 - ▶ time stayed in queue
 - inst2 <1 bit>
 - enqueued timestamp
 - ► Length of queue
 - ▶ inst3 <1 bit>
 - ► Ingress timestamp
 - rsvd <3 bits>

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Example

ins_cnt max_hop_cnt total_hop_cnt Instruction map

INT INFO

Payload

Switch 3

► The information that the user want to know will be stored in the 'INT INFO' field.

Host 1 — 2 5 0 01100000

"Hello World"

2 5 1 01100000 (sw1) id = 1 (sw1) t in q = 0x11 "Hello World"

Switch 1

2 5 2 01100000 (sw2) id = 2 (sw2) t in q = 0xd (sw1) id = 1 (sw1) t in q = 0x11 "Hello World"

Switch 2

2 5 3 01100000 2 5 (sw3) id = 3 (sw3) t in q = 0x7 (sw2) id = 2 (sw2) t in q = 0xd (sw1) id = 1 (sw1) t in q = 0x11 (sw1) t in q = 0x11 (sw2) t in

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Host 2

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◎ ● ® turtlechen@turtlechen-VirtualBox: ~/桌面
     tos
              = 0x0
     len
              = 62
     id
              = 1
     flags
              =
     fraq
              = 0L
    ttl
              = 64
              = tcp
     proto
    chksum
              = 0x62f0
              = 10.0.1.101
    STC
    dst
              = 10.0.2.101
     \options \
###[ TCP ]###
                 = 53552
        sport
        dport
                 = 1234
       seq
                 = 0
       ack
                 = 0
       dataofs = 5L
       reserved = 0L
       flags
                 = S
       window
                 = 8192
       chksum
                 = 0x9a82
       urgptr
                 = 0
       options = []
###[ INT On ]###
          INT set = 1
###[ INT shim header ]###
             INT_header_type= 1
             rsvd
                      = 0
             INT data length= 2
             rsvd
                      = 0
###[ INT header ]###
                ins cnt = 4
                max hop cnt= 5
                total hop cnt= 0
                          = 0L
                         = 1L
                inst 0
                inst 1
                          = 1L
                inst 2
                          = 1L
                inst 3
                          = 1L
                rsvd
                          = 0L
###[ Raw ]###
                             = 'HelloWorld'
                   load
len(pkt) = 76
turtlechen@turtlechen-VirtualBox:~/桌面$ [
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inst 1
                         = 1L
                inst 2
                         = 1L
                inst 3
                         = 1L
                rsvd
                         = 0L
###[ Raw ]###
                   load
                            0\x01\x9c\x82\xf6\x00\x00\x00\x02\x00\x00\x00\x11\x9d+\xc8\x00\x01\x9d+(\x00\x00
\x00\x01\x00\x00\x00\x00\x18\x9d\xd5\xf7\x00\x01\x9d\xd4\xc4HelloWorld'
len(pkt) = 124
###[INT info]###
Switch id = 000<u>000003</u>
Time in queue = 00000000f
Enqueue Timestamp = 9c83a5
Queue Length = 00
Ingress Timestamp = 019c82f6
######
Switch id = 00000002
Time in queue = 00000011
Enqueue Timestamp = 9d2bc8
Queue Length = 00
Ingress Timestamp = 019d2b28
######
Switch id = 00000001
Time in queue = 00000018
Enqueue Timestamp = 9dd5f7
Queue Length = 00
Ingress Timestamp = 019dd4c4
######
Payload = HelloWorld
######
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