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OSPF-Traffic Engineering Link Availability Extension for Links with

Variable Discrete Bandwidth

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Abstract

A network may contain links with variable discrete bandwidth, e.g., copper, radio, etc. The bandwidth of such links may change discretely in reaction to changing external environment. Availability is typically used for describing such links during network planning. This document defines a new type of the Generalized Switching Capability-specific information (SCSI) TLV to extend the Generalized Multi-Protocol Label Switching (GMPLS) Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) routing protocol. The extension can be used for route computation in a network that contains links with variable discrete bandwidth. Note, this document only covers the mechanisms by which the availability information is distributed. The mechanisms by which availability information of a link is determined and the use of the distributed information for route computation are outside the scope of this document. It is intended that technologyspecific documents will reference this document to describe specific uses.

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Conventions used in this document

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 BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

1. Introduction

Some data plane technologies, e.g., microwave, and copper, seamless change of maximum physical bandwidth through a set of known discrete values. The parameter, availability, as described in $[\underline{G.827}]$, $[\underline{F.1703}]$ and $[\underline{P.530}]$ is often used to describe the link capacity. The availability is a time scale, representing a proportion of the operating time that the requested bandwidth is ensured. To set up an LSP across these links, availability information is required by the nodes to verify the bandwidth before making a bandwidth reservation. Assigning different availability classes over such links provides for a more efficient planning of link capacity to support different types of services. The link availability information will be determined by the operator and statically configured. It will usually be determined from the availability requirements of the services expected to be carried on the LSP. For example, voice service usually needs "five nines" availability, while non-real time services may adequately perform at four or three nines availability. For the route computation, both the availability information and the bandwidth resource information are needed. Since different service types may need different availability guarantees, multiple <availability, bandwidth> pairs may be required to be associated with a link.

In this document, a new type of the Generalized SCSI TLV, Availability TLV is defined. It is intended that technology-specific documents will reference this document to describe specific uses. The signaling extension to support links with discrete bandwidth is defined in [I-D. ietf-ccamp-rsvp-te-bandwidth-availability].

2. Acronyms

The following acronyms are used in this draft:

GMPLS Generalized Multi-Protocol Label Switching

LSA Link State Advertisement

ISCD Interface Switching Capability Descriptor LSP Label Switched Path

OSPF Open Shortest Path First

PSN Packet Switched Network

SCSI Switching Capability-specific information

SNR Signal-to-noise Ratio

SONET-SDH Synchronous Optical Network - Synchronous Digital

Hierarchy

SPF Shortest Path First

TE Traffic Engineering

TLV Type Length Value

3. Overview

A node which has link(s) with variable bandwidth attached should include < availability, bandwidth> information list in its OSPF Traffic Engineering (TE) LSA messages. The list provides the mapping between the link nominal bandwidth and its availability level. This information is used for path calculation by the node(s). The setup of a Label Switched Path requires this information to be flooded in the network and used by the nodes or the PCE for the path computation. In this document, a new type of the Generalized SCSI TLV, Availability TLV is defined. The computed path can then be provisioned via the signaling protocol [I-D. ietf-ccamp-rsvp-te-bandwidth-availability].

Note, the mechanisms described in this document only distribute availability information. The methods for measuring the information or using the information for route computation are outside the scope of this document.

4. TE Metric Extension to OSPF-TE

4.1. Availability SCSI-TLV

The Generalized SCSI is defined in [I-D. ietf-teas-gmpls-scsi]. The Availability TLV defined in this document is a new type of Generalized SCSI-TLV. The Availability SCSI-TLV can be included for

one or more times. The Availability SCSI-TLV has the following format:

0 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 | Length Availability level LSP Bandwidth at Availability level n

Type: 0x0001, 16 bits.

Length: 2 octets, 16 bits.

Availability level: 32 bits

This field is a binary32-format floating point number as defined by [IEEE754-2008]. The bytes are transmitted in network order; that is, the byte containing the sign bit is transmitted first. This field describes the decimal value of availability guarantee of the switching capability in the Interface Switching Capability Descriptor (ISCD) [RFC4202] object. The value MUST be less than 1. The Availability level is usually expressed in the value of 0.99/0.999/0.9999/0.99999.

LSP Bandwidth at Availability level n: 32 bits

This field is a 32-bit IEEE floating point number which describes the LSP Bandwidth for the Availability level represented in the Availability field. The units are bytes per second.

4.2. Processing Procedures

The ISCD allows routing protocols such as OSPF to carry technology specific information in the Switching Capability-specific information (SCSI) field, see [RFC4203]. A node advertising an interface with a Switching Capability which supports variable bandwidth attached SHOULD contain one or more Availability SCSI-TLVs in its OSPF TE LSA messages. Each Availability SCSI-TLV provides the information about how much bandwidth a link can support for a specified availability. This information may be used for path calculation by the node(s).

The Availability SCSI-TLV MUST NOT be sent in ISCDs with Switching Capability field values that have not been defined to support the Availability SCSI-TLV. Non-supporting nodes would see such as a malformed ISCD/LSA.

Absence of the Availability SCSI-TLV in an ISCD containing Switching Capability field values that have been defined to support the Availability SCSI-TLV, SHALL be interpreted as representing fixedbandwidth link with the highest availability value.

Only one Availability SCSI-TLV for the specific availability level SHOULD be sent. If multiple are present, the Availability SCSI-TLV with the lowest bandwidth value SHALL be processed. If an Availability SCSI-TLV with an invalid value (e.g., large than 1) is received, the Availability SCSI-TLV will be ignored.

5. Security Considerations

This document does not introduce security issues beyond those discussed in [RFC4203]. As with [RFC4203], it specifies the content of an Opaque LSAs in OSPFv2. As Opaque LSAs are not used for Shortest Path First (SPF) computation or normal routing, the extensions specified here have no direct effect on IP routing. Tampering with GMPLS TE LSAs may have an impact on the ability to set up connections in the underlying data plane network. As the additional availability information may represent information that an operator may wish to keep private, consideration should be given to securing this information. [RFC3630] notes that the security mechanisms described in [RFC2328] apply to Opaque LSAs carried in OSPFv2. An analysis of the security of OSPF is provided in [RFC6863] and applies to the extensions to OSPF as described in this document. Any new mechanisms developed to protect the transmission of information carried in Opaque LSAs will also automatically protect the extensions defined in this document.

Please refer to [RFC5920] for details on security threats; defensive techniques; monitoring, detection, and reporting of security attacks; and requirements.

6. IANA Considerations

This document introduces a new type for availability of the Generalized SCSI-TLV of the TE Link TLV in the TE Opaque LSA for OSPF v2. Technology-specific documents will reference this document to describe specific use of this Availability SCSI-TLV.

IANA has created a registry called the "Generalized SCSI (Switching Capability Specific Information) TLVs Types" registry. The registry is needed to be updated to include the Availability SCSI-TLV. This document proposes a suggested value for the Availability SCSI-TLV; it is requested that the suggested value be granted by IANA.

Note (Please REMOVE this note before publication): the registry will be created by <u>draft-ietf-teas-gmpls-scsi</u>. The requested value should be added to it when it is created.

Туре	Description	Reference
0x01	Availability	[This ID]

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