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Abstract

This document defines a new AVP that allows L2TP Control Connection Endpoints (LCCEs) to advertise one or more Seamless BFD (S-BFD) Discriminator values using L2TPv3.

Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

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[1.](#) Introduction

[I-D.ietf-bfd-seamless-base] defines a simplified mechanism to use Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) [[RFC5880](#)], referred to as Seamless Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (S-BFD). The S-BFD mechanisms depend on network nodes knowing the BFD discriminators which each node in the network has reserved for this purpose. S-BFD requires the usage of unique discriminators within an administrative domain. The use of Layer Two Tunneling Protocol - Version 3 (L2TPv3) [[RFC3931](#)] is one possible means of advertising these discriminators.

This document specifies the encoding to be used when S-BFD discriminators are advertised using L2TPv3.

[1.1.](#) Terminology

The reader is expected to be very familiar with the terminology and protocol constructs defined in S-BFD (see Section 2 of [[I-D.ietf-bfd-seamless-base](#)]) and L2TPv3 (see [Section 1.3 of \[RFC3931\]](#)).

[2.](#) S-BFD Target Discriminator ID AVP

The "S-BFD Target Discriminator ID" AVP is exchanged using the ICRQ, ICRP, OCRQ, and OCRP control messages during session negotiations.

The M bit of the L2TP Control Protocol Message (ICRQ, ICRP, OCRQ, OCRP) [RFC3931] MUST NOT be set inside the S-BFD Target Discriminator ID AVP advertisement.

3. IANA Considerations

IANA maintains a sub-registry "Message Type AVP (Attribute Type 0) Values" in the "Control Message Attribute Value Pairs" as per [RFC3438]. IANA is requested to assign the first free value from this sub-registry as the Message typ AVP for "S-BFD Target Discriminator ID".

A summary of the new AVPs requested for Attribute Type 0 follows:

Control Message Attribute Value Pairs

Attribute Type	Description
TBA by IANA	S-BFD Target Discriminator ID

4. Security Considerations

Security concerns for L2TP are addressed in [RFC3931]. Introduction of the S-BFD Discriminator Advertisement AVP introduces no new security risks for L2TP.

Advertisement of the S-BFD discriminators does make it possible for attackers to initiate S-BFD sessions using the advertised information. The vulnerabilities this poses and how to mitigate them are discussed in the Security Considerations section of [I-D.ietf-bfd-seamless-base].

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