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Abstract

An important Operation, Administration and Maintenance (OAM) requirement of the MPLS Transport Profile (MPLS-TP) is the ability to measure the throughput (i.e. bandwidth) of an MPLS-TP connection which could be an MPLS-TP PseudoWire (PW), Label Switched Path (LSP) or Section. This document specifies the OAM packet formats and procedures for both one-way and two-way throughput measurement in MPLS-TP.

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1. Introduction

Requirements for OAM in MPLS-TP Networks (section 2.2.5) [RFC5860] specifies that the OAM toolset must provide a function to enable conducting diagnostic tests on a PseudoWire (PW), Label Switched Path (LSP) or Section. According to [RFC5860], this function should be performed on-demand. An example of such a diagnostic test would be measuring the available bandwidth of an LSP.

The above required sub-function of diagnostic tests is specified as "throughput measurement" in this document. As defined in section 6.3.1 of [RFC6371], throughput measurement is an on-demand out-ofservice function. Throughput measurement is performed between two Maintenance Entity Group End Points (MEPs) in one-way or two-way mode.

This document specifies the OAM packet formats and procedures for both one-way and two-way throughput measurement in MPLS-TP. It must be noted that the OAM packet formats and procedures for throughput measurement is actually a variation of loss measurement protocol which is specified in [RFC6374]. The purpose of this document is to specify the adaptation to loss measurement protocol for achieving throughput measurement.

1.1. Conventions

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].

1.2. Abbreviations

CRC: Cyclic Redundancy Check

G-ACh: Generic Associated Channel

DUT: Device Under Test

LSP: Label Switched Path

MEG: Maintenance Entity Group

MEP: Maintenance Entity Group End Point

MPLS-TP: MPLS Transport Profile

NMS: Network Management System

OAM: Operations, Administration and Maintenance

OWTM: One-way Throughput Measurement

PHB: Per-hop Behavior

PRBS: Pseudo-Random Bit Sequence

PW: PseudoWire

TLV: Type Length Value

TWTM: Two-way Throughput Measurement

2. Overview

In [RFC1242], the throughput is defined as a performance metric for a network interconnection device. It is defined as "the maximum rate at which none of the offered frames are dropped by the device". In MPLS-TP context, the definition of throughput is applied to an MPLS-TP connection which could be an MPLS-TP PW, LSP or Section.

2.1. Throughput Measurement Modes

As per [RFC2544], the throughput measurement procedure is specified as sending a specific number of frames at a specific rate through the Device Under Test (DUT) and then counting the frames that are transmitted by the DUT. If the count of offered frames is equal to the count of received frames, the fewer frames are received than that were transmitted, the rate of the offered stream is reduced and the test is rerun. The throughput is the fastest rate at which the count of test frames transmitted by the DUT is equal to the number of test frames sent by the test equipment. But in many practical throughput measurement scenarios, usually the throughput is measured by test equipment using the binary search algorithm. In this case, multiple sets of test traffic ('run') are sent in one process of throughput measurement. In this document, the 'run count' indicates how many sets of test traffic are sent.

If the implementation simplicity is chosen over the precision of throughput measurement, the measurement method described in [RFC2544] should be used. This is also called 'estimated mode'. The measurement methods described in this document are for measuring throughput with precision and efficiency; this method is referred to as 'measured mode'. In estimated mode, the measurement process is controlled by the operator and no control packet exchange takes place between the two MEPs. In measured mode, the control packet exchange

takes place between the two MEPs. The control packets are defined in section 3 and the detailed methods are described in section 4.

2.2. One-way Throughput Measurement

One-way throughput measurement (OWTM) SHOULD be supported for both unidirectional and bidirectional MPLS-TP connection. One-way throughput indicates the throughput for the forward direction of the connection from the initiator MEP, which initiates the process of throughput measurement and stays active throughout the whole process.

Estimated mode: The initiator MEP sends test traffic and the peer MEP calculates the test data packet loss.

Measured mode: The initiator MEP controls the whole process of measurement and the peer MEP acts as a responder.

Note that for a unidirectional MPLS-TP connection (such as a unidirectional LSP) without return path, only the estimated mode SHOULD be used.

2.3. Two-way Throughput Measurement

Two-way throughput measurement (TWTM) SHOULD be supported for only bidirectional MPLS-TP connection. Two-way throughput indicates both the throughputs for the forward and the reverse direction of the connection from the initiator MEP.

Estimated mode: Only the initiator MEP sends test traffic and the peer MEP loopbacks all received test data packets. Only the minimum of avaiable throughput of the two directions are considered.

Measured mode: Both the initiator MEP and the peer MEP send test traffic, and the initiator MEP controls the whole process of measurement. In this case, the two individual available throughputs of the two directions are considered.

3. Packet Format

For throughput measurement in estimated mode, only the test data packets would be sent by the MEP. For throughput measurement in measured mode, the specific packets sent by the MEP can be divided into control packets and test data packets. The control packets flow over the Generic Associated Channel (G-ACh) [RFC5586] of an MPLS-TP connection and perform signaling between the initiator MEP and the peer MEP. The test data packets compose the test traffic which emulates the real user traffic.

3.1. Throughput Measurement Control Packet Format

The format of a throughput measurement control packet is shown below.

Figure 1: Throughput Measurement Control Packet Format

The Version and Reserved field are always set to 0.

The Throughput Meas Control Channel Type is 0xHHHH (to be assigned by IANA).

The format of a throughput measurement control message is shown below.

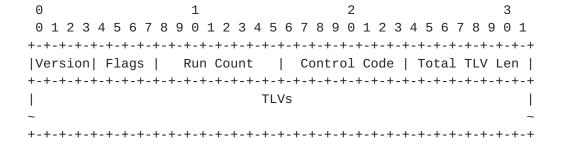


Figure 2: Throughput Measurement Control Message Format

Version

The Version Number is currently set to 0.

Flags

Each bit indicates a message control flag. Three flags are defined and listed from left to right as follows:

+-+-+-+ |W|S|R|E| +-+-+-+

Figure 3: Throughput Measurement Control Message Flags

W-flag: This Flag represents the operational mode which could be One-way mode or Two-way mode. Set to 0 for OWTM; Set to 1 for TWTM.

S-flag: This Flag represents the message type which could be Start type or Stop type. Set to 0 for a Start message; Set to 1 for a Stop message.

R-flag: This Flag represents the message direction which could be Forward direction (i.e. Request) or Reverse direction (i.e. Reply). Set to 0 for a Request message; Set to 1 for a Reply message.

E bit (the fourth bit): Reserved for future use and set to 0.

Run Count

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The Run Count is set to the number of all run times till now in one throughput measurement process. It starts from 1 and increase one after every run.

Control Code

According to the value of R-flag, the Control Code is set as follow.

For a Request:

0x0: Request (in-band reply requested). Indicates that this request has been sent over a bidirectional connection and the reply is expected over the same connection.

0x1: Request (out-of-band reply requested). Indicates that this request has been sent over a unidirectional connection and the reply is expected over an out-of-band path.

For a Reply:

0x0: Success. Indicates that the operation succeeded.

0x1: Error. Indicates that the operation failed.

Total TLV Length

The total Type-Length-Value (TLV) length is the total length in bytes of all included TLVs.

TLVs

According to the values of W-flag, S-flag and R-flag, the TLVs are defined as follow.

For Start Request/Reply message in OWTM:

No TLVs are defined.

For Start Request/Reply message in TWTM only:

One TLV is defined to convey test parameters for the peer MEP to send test traffic. The format of this TWTM Start Message TLV is shown below.

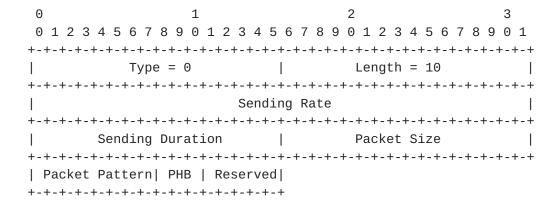


Figure 4: TWTM Start Message TLV Format

Sending Rate

The Sending Rate in Mbps is set to the provisioned initial sending rate of test traffic for the first run, and set to the calculated sending rate of test traffic for the rerun.

Sending Duration

The Sending Duration in seconds is set to the provisioned sending interval of test traffic for every run.

Packet Size

The Packet Size in octets is set to the provisioned throughput measurement test data packet size.

Packet Pattern

The Packet Pattern is set to the provisioned throughput measurement test data packet pattern. According to $[\underline{Y.1731}]$, four pattern types of throughput measurement test data packets pattern types are defined as below:

0x00: Null (all-zeros) signal without CRC-32

0x01: Null (all-zeros) signal with CRC-32

0x02: PRBS (2^31-1) without CRC-32

0x03: PRBS (2^31-1) with CRC-32

0x04~0xFF: Reserved for future standardization

PHB

The Per-hop Behavior (PHB) is set to the provisioned throughput measurement test data packet PHB.

Reserved

Reserved bits for future use and always set to 0.

For Stop Request/Reply messages in both OWTM and TWTM:

One TLV is defined to convey Tx and Rx counters for the initiator MEP to calculate test data packet loss. The format of this Stop Message TLV is shown below.

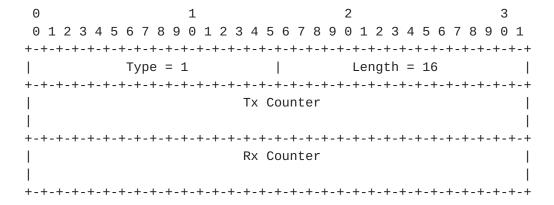


Figure 5: Stop Message TLV Format

Tx Counter

Tx Counter is set to the number of throughput measurement test data packets sent by the local MEP (i.e. the MEP sending this control message) in this run.

Rx Counter

Rx Counter is set to the number of throughput measurement test data packets received by the local MEP (i.e. the MEP sending this control message) in this run.

3.2. Throughput Measurement Test Data Packet Format

Whether the throughput measurement is performed in estimated mode or measured mode, the format of a throughput measurement test data packet would be the same. In order to simplify the implementation of MPLS-TP OAM functions, the format of a throughput measurement test data packet should be aligned with the format of a data plane loopback test data packet. As indicated in section 3.1, four pattern types of throughput measurement test data packets can be constructed based on Padding field and optional CRC-32 field.

4. Operation

As specified in section 1, throughput measurement is an on-demand out-of-service function. Before throughput measurement is initiated, the diagnosed Maintenance Entity Group (MEG) SHOULD be put into a Lock status, and an MEG can be put into a Lock status either via Network Management System (NMS) action or using the Lock Instruct OAM tool which is required in [RFC5860] and specified in [I-D.ietf-mpls-tp-li-lb].

It should be noted that in estimated mode, for different test data packet size, or test data packet pattern, or test data packet PHB, or step length of sending rate, or even sending duration of test traffic, different result of throughput measurement may be obtained. Thus all these parameters SHOULD be configurable for throughput measurement in the estimated mode. Also note that in measured mode, for different test data packet size, or test data packet pattern, or test data packet PHB, or expected measurement resolution, or even sending duration of test traffic, different result of throughput measurement may be obtained. They SHOULD be configurable for throughput measurement in the measured mode. Besides, optional acceptable frame loss rate would be provisioned in measured mode if needed. Also note that the set of PHB value of control packets would follow the provisioned test data packet PHB.

4.1. Throughput Measurement Procedures in Estimated Mode

For OWTM, the initiator MEP sends test traffic with the provisioned initial sending rate for the first run, and then the peer MEP will calculate test data packet loss according to Sequence-Number field of the test data packet. If the calculated Packet Loss (one-way) is equal to zero, then the operator will increase the sending rate with a fixed step length (e.g. 100 kb/s) manually and command the initiator MEP to send a test traffic with the increased sending rate for rerun. Thus the initiator MEP will gradually increase its sending rate until the calculated Packet Loss (one-way) is not equal to zero for a certain run, and the sending rate for the last run is the measured one-way throughput.

For TWTM, the peer MEP SHOULD be put into a Loopback status, and this can be achieved via NMS action. The initiator MEP sends test traffic with the provisioned initial sending rate for the first run, and the peer MEP loops all received test data packets back, and then the initiator MEP itself will calculate test data packet loss by comparing the sent and received test data packets. If calculated Packet Loss (two-way) is equal to zero, then the sending rate will be increased with a fixed step length (e.g. 100kb/s) automatically and the initiator MEP will send test traffic with the increased sending rate for rerun. Thus the initiator MEP will gradually increase its sending rate until the calculated Packet Loss (two-way) is not equal to zero for a certain run, and the sending rate for the last run is the measured two-way throughput.

4.2. Throughput Measurement Procedures in Measured Mode

4.2.1. Transmitting a Throughput Measurement Start Request

After initiating a throughput measurement operation, the initiator MEP will at first transmit a throughput measurement Start Request to the peer MEP. Also note that at the start of every rerun of sending test traffic, the initiator MEP would also transmit this message.

For OWTM, this message is intended to inform the peer MEP about the start of test traffic sending and trigger the peer MEP to start counting test data packets. For TWTM, this message is further intended to convey necessary test parameters to the peer MEP and trigger the peer MEP to send test traffic. Run Count and Sending Rate in this message would be changed for the rerun. Also note that for both one-way and two-way measurement, the initiator MEP would start counting test data packets as soon as it transmits this message.

4.2.2. Receiving a Throughput Measurement Start Request

Upon the reception of a throughput measurement Start Request, the peer MEP must inspect this message at first, if no unexpected field or value is found then the peer MEP should start counting test data packets. In addition, if the received W-flag indicates that this is a TWTM, then the peer MEP should also start sending test traffic after it starts counting test data packets.

4.2.3. Transmitting a Throughput Measurement Start Reply

After receiving a throughput measurement Start Request, the peer MEP must transmit a throughput measurement Start Reply to the initiator MEP. The Control Code in Start Reply Message should be set to 0x0 to reflect the successful operation at the peer MEP. On the contrary set to 0x1 to reflect the failed operation at the peer MEP. Except the R-flag and Control Code field, other fields of Start Reply Message will be copied from the received Start Request Message.

4.2.4. Receiving a Throughput Measurement Start Reply

Upon the reception of a throughput measurement Start Reply, the initiator MEP must inspect this message at first. If no unexpected field or value is found, and the received Control Code indicates successful operation at the peer MEP, then the initiator MEP should start sending test traffic. If an unexpected field or value is found while inspecting this message, or the received Control Code indicates failed operation at the peer MEP, or there is no throughput measurement Start Reply received after a while (e.g. 1 second), then an implementation dependent specific error should be returned at the initiator MEP. In this case, no test traffic will be sent from the

initiator MEP.

4.2.5. Sending and Receiving Test Traffic

From the above procedures it can be seen that for TWTM, the pair of MEPs will send test traffic asynchronously, and the peer MEP will start/stop sending test traffic some time earlier than the initiator MEP. This asynchronous behavior has no side-effect on the measurement result because both MEPs shall start counting test data packets before they send/receive any test traffic.

Also note that when the initiator MEP sends test traffic, for the first run the test parameters are all derived from the initial configuration. For the reruns, the sending rate is changed and derived from the local calculation. When the peer MEP sends test traffic, the test parameters are all derived from the received Start Request Message.

4.2.6. Transmitting a Throughput Measurement Stop Request

For every run, after the initiator MEP finishes sending test traffic, it transmits a throughput measurement Stop Request to the peer MEP. This message is to inform the peer MEP to stop the test traffic from the initiator MEP. It triggers the peer MEP to stop counting test data packets and feed back the counters.

4.2.7. Receiving a Throughput Measurement Stop Request

Upon the reception of a throughput measurement Stop Request, the peer MEP must inspect this message at first. If no unexpected field or value is found then the peer MEP should stop counting test data packets. Also note that for TWTM, as indicated in section 4.2.5, the peer MEP stops sending test traffic before it receives a throughput measurement Stop Request.

4.2.8. Transmitting a Throughput Measurement Stop Reply

After receiving a throughput measurement Stop Request, the peer MEP transmits a throughput measurement Stop Reply to the initiator MEP. The Control Code in Stop Reply Message should be set to 0x0 to reflect the successful operation at the peer MEP. On the contrary set to 0x1 to reflect the failed operation at the peer MEP. The Tx Counter and Rx Counter in the Stop Reply Message are set to the test data packet count at the peer MEP.

4.2.9. Receiving a Throughput Measurement Stop Reply

Upon the reception of a throughput measurement Stop Reply, the initiator MEP must inspect this message at first. If no unexpected field or value is found, and the received Control Code indicates successful operation at the peer MEP, then the initiator MEP should stop counting test data packets and start calculating the test data packet loss. Suppose the Tx Counter and Rx Counter locally are TxP1 and RxP1 for the initiator MEP, and in Stop Reply Message are TxP2 and RxP2 for the peer MEP.

For OWTM, the calculation formula is as follows:

Packet Loss (one-way) = TxP1 - RxP2

For TWTM, the calculation formulas are as follows:

Packet Loss (forward) = TxP1 - RxP2

Packet Loss (reverse) = TxP2 - RxP1

If an unexpected field or value is found while inspecting this message, or the received Control Code indicates failed operation at the peer MEP, or there is no throughput measurement Stop Reply received after a while (e.g. 1 second), then an implementation dependent specific error should be returned at the initiator MEP. In this case, no calculation for test data packet loss will be executed.

4.2.10. Consequent Actions and Searching Algorithm

Procedures for one run of test traffic sending and test data packet loss calculation have been described above in details, but usually iterative reruns of the procedures are needed for a throughput measurement. Whether the rerun is needed or not depends on the calculated test data packet loss and the expected measurement resolution. For OWTM, if calculated Packet Loss (one-way) is equal to zero and the expected measurement resolution is met, then rerun is not needed. Thus the current sending rate is the measured one-way throughput. For TWTM, if calculated Packet Loss (forward) and Packet Loss (reverse) are both equal to zero, and the expected measurement resolution for both forward and reverse directions is met, then rerun is not needed. Thus the current sending rate for forward/reverse direction is the measured forward/reverse throughput.

The standard binary search algorithm is applied to calculate the sending rate for the next run, which is the only changed test parameter compared with this run. For example, suppose to measure the throughput of a connection whose actual throughput is 70Mbps, the provisioned initial sending rate is 100Mbps and the specified measurement resolution is 0.1. Note that the initial sending rate MUST be no less than the actual throughput, otherwise the binary search is not applicable, and so it's often set to the maximum theoretical throughput of the measured connection. For the first run, packet loss is found, so for the second run, the sending rate will be calculated as (100+0)/2 = 50Mbps, no packet loss is found, then the resolution will be calculated as (100-50)/50 = 1, which is bigger than 0.1, the expected measurement resolution is not met, so for the third run, the sending rate will be calculated as (100+50)/2 = 75Mbps, packet loss is found, so for the fourth run, the sending rate will be calculated as (50+75)/2 = 62.5Mbps, no packet loss is found, then the resolution will be calculated as (75-62.5)/62.5 =0.2, which is bigger than 0.1, the expected measurement resolution is not met, so for the fifth run, the sending rate will be calculated as (75+62.5)/2 = 68.75Mbps, no packet loss is found, then the resolution will be calculated as (68.75-62.5)/68.75 = 0.09, which is smaller than 0.1, the expected measurement resolution is met, so the measurement finished and the rate 68.75Mbps is the measured throughput.

As indicated in front of this section, a threshold on the acceptable frame loss rate MAY be set before throughput measurement, in this case it's not required that absolutely no packet loss exists, and the pre-provisioned acceptable frame loss rate needs to be taken into account when judging whether the throughput is got after every run.

5. Throughput Measurement Time

The throughput measurement time is about the product of sending duration for one run and number of all run times. The sending duration for one run is provisioned before the throughput measurement starts, and the number of all run times is related to several factors which include the provisioned initial sending rate, the applied searching algorithm and the specified expected measurement resolution. Obviously longer sending duration would result in more precise measured result. But if shorter throughput measurement time is required, there should be a balance between them. On the other hand, for throughput measurement in estimated mode, the shorter step length and the shorter measurement time are mutually exclusive. Similarly in measured mode, the higher measurement resolution and the shorter measurement time are mutually exclusive - so the balance between them is also needed.

6. Security Considerations

To be added in a later version of this document.

7. IANA Considerations

An ACH Channel Type value for the throughput measurement control packet will be requested for IANA assignment.

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