BFD in Segment Routing Networks Using MPLS Dataplane

draft-mirsky-spring-bfd

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BFD over MPLS dataplane

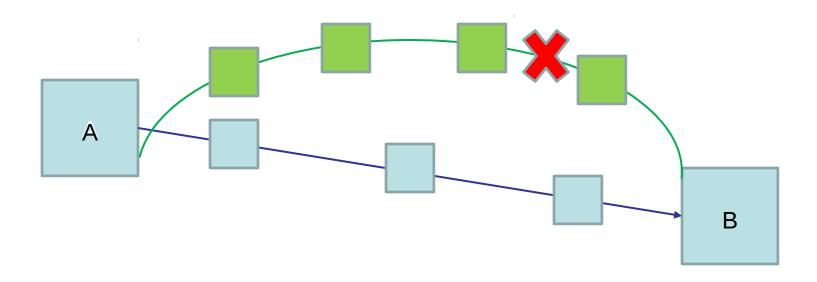
- RFC 5884 has defined use of BFD Asynchronous mode over MPLS LSP
- BFD over SR-MPLS SHOULD use LSP Ping to bootstrap BFD session
- In addition to requirements stated in draft-ietf-mpls-spring-lsp-ping:
 - Initiator MUST include FEC(s) corresponding to the destination segment.
 - Initiator, i.e. ingress LSR, MAY include FECs corresponding to some or all of segments imposed in the label stack by the ingress LSR to communicate the segments traversed.

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- When LSP Ping is used to bootstrap a BFD session the FEC corresponding to the destination segment to be associated with the BFD session MUST be as the very last sub-TLV in the Target FEC TLV.
- BFD control packet encapsulation:
 - with IP/UDP header MUST:
 - destination IP address 128/8 for IPv4 address or 0:0:0:0:0:0:FFFF:7F00/104 for IPv6 address;
 - use UDP destination port 3784
 - ACH encapsulation use GAL and G-ACh type 0x0007

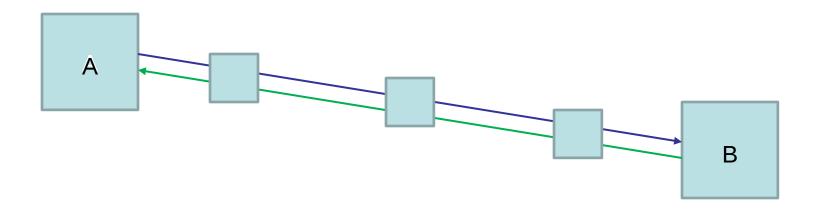
BFD Reverse Path

- Ingress LER A periodically transmits BFD control messages over MPLS LSP
- Egress LER B periodically transmits BFD control messages, per RFC 5884, over path selected based on local policy:
 - IP network using UDP destination port 4784
 - reverse path segment route with IP/UDP encapsulation (UDP destination port 3784) or ACH encapsulation
- Failure in the reverse path of the BFD session may be interpreted as LSP failure



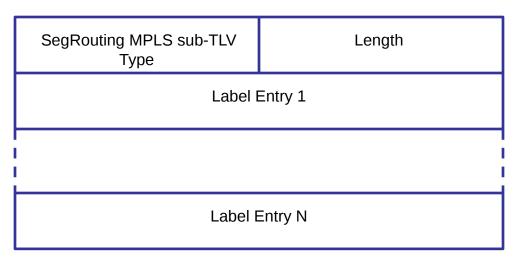
Control BFD Reverse Path

- New optional BFD Reverse Path TLV
- Used with BFD Discriminator TLV
- Instructs egress BFD to transmit BFD control packets over the specified MPLS LSP
- Re-use sub-TLVs defined in draft-ietf-mpls-spring-lsp-ping
- BFD Reverse Path TLV may contain none, one or more sub-TLVs
- If none sub-TLV has been found in the BFD Reverse Path TLV, then the egress BFD MUST transmit BFD control packets over IP network



New Segment Routing Static MPLS Tunnel sub-TLV

- Ordered list of Label Stack Elements with the top of the stack label as Label Entry 1 and the bottom of the stack label – Label Entry N
- BFD Reverse TLV MAY include zero or one SR Static MPLS Tunnel sub-TLV
- If no sub-TLVs present in the BFD Reverse Path TLV the egress MUST switch the reverse BFD session to be transmitted over IP network
- If more then one SR Static MPLS Tunnel sub-TLVs present in the BFD Reverse Path TLV, the remote peer MUST send MPLS LSP Echo Reply with Return Code value set to "Too Many TLVs Detected" (new code)

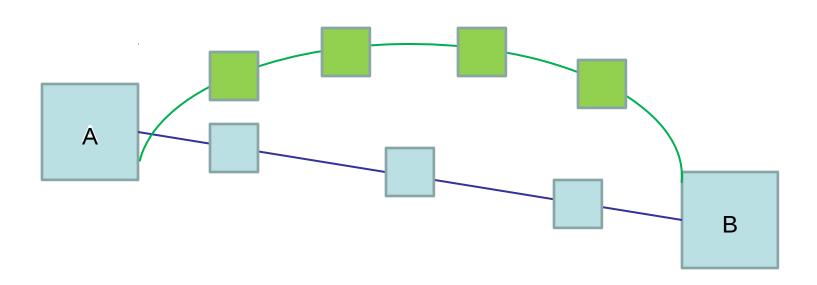


BFD Demand mode (based on draft-mirsky-bfd-mpls-demand)

- RFC 5880 defined BFD Demand mode
- BFD node controls mode of its peer, i.e. the BFD node MAY switch its peer into and out of the Demand mode
- To verify bi-directional continuity the node in Demand mode MAY initiate Poll sequence by simply setting Poll (P) bit in BFD control messages sent periodically to its peer
- BFD node in the Demand mode MAY send BFD control messages with Poll (P) bit set if any of its parameters have changed

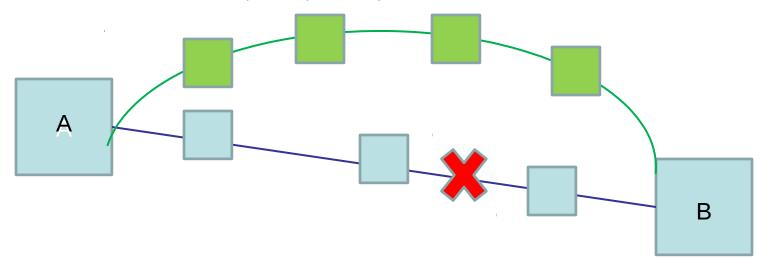
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- Ingress LER A bootstraps the BFD session to LER B using LSP Ping
- BFD session between A and B in Async mode reaches Up state
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- Node B ceases transmission of periodic BFD packets



Theory of operation II

- Ingress LER A bootstraps the BFD session to LER B using LSP Ping
- BFD session between A and B in Async mode reaches Up state
- BFD node A switches mode to Demand using Poll sequence
- Node B ceases transmission of periodic BFD packets
- Node B detects failure
 - Node B initiates Poll sequence with Diagnostic code set to Control Detection Time Expired
 - Because Node A have received failure notification from the node B (RDI) it sends BFD control packet with Final bit set over IP network as following:
 - destination IP address MUST be set to the destination IP address of the LSP Ping Echo request message
 - destination UDP port set to 4784
 - Final (F) flag in BFD control packet MUST be set
 - Demand (D) flag in BFD control packet MUST be cleared
 - Node A moves BFD session state to Down
 - Node A switches the BFD session to Async mode
 - Node A transmits BFD control packets periodically at slow rate



Next steps

- Your comments, suggestions, questions always welcome and greatly appreciated
- Which WG to anchor MPLS or SPRING?