Multicast Source Redundancy in EVPN Networks

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Agenda

- A short refresh
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The Goal – a solution for Multicast Redundancy

That works in any EVPN network
In any redundancy scenario for a given multicast flow:
- Multi-homed Source
- Redundant Single-Homed Sources
- Redundant Multi-Homed Sources
And any EVPN tenant domain configuration:
- Sources and Receivers in the same BD
- Sources and Receivers in different BD of the same tenant
- A mix of the two above

And avoids packet duplication on the receiver systems
Assuming that there may be multiple Redundant Sources sending the same Single Flow Group (SFG) to the network

NOTE: Single Flow Group (SFG)
A multicast group address G which represents traffic that contains only a single flow (e.g., G1)
Multiple sources may be transmitting an SFG (e.g., S1 and S2)
Two Redundant G-Source Solutions

**WARM STANDBY SOLUTION (WS)**

Avoids duplication of SFG flows in the tenant network while providing G-source redundancy for a given SFG.

Based on a Single Forwarder (SF) Election, only one of the Upstream PEs connected to a G-Source will forward the SFG.

The Upstream PEs add an RPF check to the (*,G) state for the SFG to avoid duplication.

**HOT STANDBY SOLUTION (HS)**

Avoids duplication of SFG flows on the receiver systems while providing G-source redundancy for a given SFG.

The Upstream PEs add a data path identification so that the Downstream PEs can add an RPF check to discard SFG traffic from the “wrong G-Source”.

In case of failure in the primary G-Source, the Downstream PEs locally select a different G-Source for the SFG.
What’s New in rev 01

SFG represented as (*,G) _OR_ (S,G), where S is a prefix of any length (new)
  • A source is considered a redundant G-source for the SFG if it is contained in the prefix.
  • This document allows variable length prefixes in the Sources advertised in S-PMSI A-D routes only for the particular application of redundant G-sources.

ESI-Label extended community used in EVPN S-PMSI A-D routes for HS solution

Typos and Clarifications
Warm Standby (WS) Solution Details

1. Config on PE1 and PE2 only
   PE1 and PE2 configured to know that:
   - G1 is an SFG, represented as (*,G) or (Sn,G) – Sn is a prefix
   - Redundant G-sources for the SFG may exist in BD1 or BD2

2. Signaling the location of G-Sources for (Sn,G1)
   Upon receiving SFG for G1, PE1/PE2 originate S-PMSI (Sn,G1) routes that are imported by all PEs. Include DF Election EC and SFG flag.

3. SF Election
   PE1/PE2 elect a SF based on the DF Election EC information.

4. RPF check programmed in PE1 and PE2
   Non-SF PEs discard any (Sn,G1) packets on a local AC
   SF PE accepts (Sn,G1) over at most one local AC

5. Only the Single Forwarder (SF) forwards the SFG
   Assuming Downstream PEs have local receivers for the SFG and send SMET(*,G1) or (S,G1) routes (with S contained in Sn)
1. Configuration on all PEs
PE1 and PE2 configured to know that
- (*,G1) is an SFG
- S-ES-1 and S-ES-2 are attached to the G-Sources for (*,G1)
PE3/PE4/PE5 configured with HS mode

2. Signaling the location of G-Sources and S-ESI association
PE1/PE2 send S-PMSI(*,G1)(ESI L1,ESI L2) incl. SFG flag
PE1/PE2 advertise AD per-ES routes with DCB allocated ESI-labels matching the ones in S-PMSI routes, i.e., ESI L1 for S-ES-1 and ESI L2 for S-ES-2 (on both PEs, via DCB)

3. Processing AD per-ES routes and RPF check programming
PE1/PE2 follow regular multi-homing procedures.
Downstream PEs import S-PMSI and AD per-ES routes. They program RPF checks, e.g., PE3 discards traffic with ESI L2.

4. G-traffic forwarding and fault detection
PE1 and PE2 forward G-traffic with ESI L1 and ESI L2 respectively. Only one flow passes the RPF check and is delivered.
- A link failure does not change the RPF check programming
- A complete ES failure or node failure changes RPF check on downstream PEs
- Fault detection based on AD per-ES or per-EVI withdrawal. BFD possible too.

S-ES – Ethernet Segment associated to a G-Source
Next steps

The Authors would like to thank the WG for the received feedback

...And ask for WG Adoption
Thank you