BFD in Demand Mode over Point-to-Point MPLS LSP

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BFD over MPLS LSP: Now

- RFC 5884 considers only use of BFD Asynchronous mode for p2p MPLS LSP
- Ingress LER A periodically transmits BFD control messages over MPLS LSP
- Egress LER B periodically transmits BFD control messages over IP network
- Transmission intervals in forward and reverse directions may be negotiated to different values but usually are the same, e.g. from the set of values discussed in RFC 7419 Common Interval Support in BFD
BFD Demand mode

- 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
Theory of operation I

- 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
Theory of operation II

- Node B detects failure
- Node B initiates Poll sequence with Diagnostic code set to Control Detection Time Expired
- Node A MAY send BFD control packet with Final bit set over IP network
- 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
- WG adoption