A YANG Data Model for Network Interconnect Tester Management
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Abstract

This document introduces new YANG model for use in network interconnect testing containing modules for traffic generator and traffic analyzer.

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1. Introduction

There is a need for standard mechanism to allow the specification and implementation of the transactions part of network tests. The mechanism should allow the control and monitoring of the data plane traffic in a transactional way. This document defines YANG modules for test traffic generator, analyzer and internal interface loopback.

1.1. Terminology

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14, [RFC2119].

1.1.1. Definitions and Acronyms

DUT: Device Under Test

TA: Traffic Analyzer

TG: Traffic Generator
1.1.2. Tree Diagram

For a reference to the annotations used in tree diagrams included in this draft, please see YANG Tree Diagrams [RFC8340].

1.2. Problem Statement

Network interconnect tests require active network elements part of the tested network that generate test traffic and network elements that analyze the test traffic at one or more points of its path. A network interconnect tester is a device that can either generate test traffic, analyze test traffic or both. Here is a figure borrowed from [RFC2544] representing the horseshoe test setup topology consisting of a single tester and a single DUT connected in a network interconnect loop.

```
+------------+
|            |
+------------|  tester    |<-------------+
|            |            |              |
+------------+              |
|            +------------+              |
|                                        |
|            +------------+              |
|            |            |              |
+----------->|    DUT     |--------------+
|            |
+------------+
```

This document attempts to address the problem of defining YANG model of a network interconnect tester that can be used for development of vendor independent network interconnect tests and utilize the advantages of transactional management using standard protocols like NETCONF.

1.3. Solution

The proposed model splits the design into 3 modules - 1) Traffic Generator module (TG), 2) Traffic Analyzer module (TA). The modules are implemented as augmentations of the ietf-interfaces module adding configuration and state data that models the functionality of a tester. The TA and TG modules concept is illustrated with the following diagram of a tester with two interfaces (named e0 and e1) connected in a loop with single DUT:
2. Using the network interconnect tester model

Basic example of how the model can be used in transactional network test API to control the testers part of a network and report counter statistics and timing measurement data is presented in Appendix A. One of the examples demonstrates the use of the [RFC2544] defined testframe packet.

3. Traffic Generator Module Tree Diagram

```mermaid
module: ietf-traffic-generator
augment /if:interfaces/if:interface:
    +--rw traffic-generator {egress-direction}?
        +--rw (type)?
            +--rw (single-stream)
                +--rw frame-size uint32
                +--rw (frame-data-type)?
                    +--rw (raw-frame-data)
                        +--rw frame-data? string
                        +--rw interframe-gap uint32
                        +--rw interburst-gap? uint32
                        +--rw frames-per-burst? uint32
                        +--rw src-mac-address? yang:mac-address {ethernet}?
                        +--rw dst-mac-address? yang:mac-address {ethernet}?
                        +--rw ether-type? uint16 {ethernet}?
                        +--rw (encapsulation)? {ethernet}?
                            +--:(vlan)
                                +--rw vlan {ethernet-vlan}?
                                    +--rw id uint16
                                    +--rw tpid? uint16
                                    +--rw pcp? uint8
                                    +--rw cfi? uint8
                            +--:(multi-stream)
                                +--rw streams
                                    +--rw stream? [id]
```
4. Traffic Analyzer Module Tree Diagram

module: ietf-traffic-analyzer
augment /if:interfaces/if:interface:
  +--rw traffic-analyzer! {ingress-direction}?
    |   +--rw filter! {filter}?
    |   |   +--rw type identityref
    |   +--ro state
    |      +--ro pkts? yang:counter64
    |      +--ro errors? yang:counter64
    |      +--ro testframe-stats
    |      |   +--ro testframe-pkts? yang:counter64
    |      |   +--ro sequence-errors? yang:counter64
    |      |   +--ro payload-errors? yang:counter64
    |      |   +--ro latency
    |      |      +--ro samples? uint64
    |      |      +--ro min? uint64
    |      |      +--ro max? uint64
    |      |      +--ro average? uint64
    |      |      +--ro latest? uint64
    |      +--ro capture {capture}?
    |         +--ro frame* [sequence-number]
    |         |   +--ro sequence-number uint64
    |         +--ro timestamp? yang:date-and-time
5. Traffic Generator Module YANG

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-traffic-generator@2019-09-05.yang"

module ietf-traffic-generator {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-traffic-generator";
  prefix tg;

  import ietf-interfaces {    
    prefix if;
  }
  import ietf-yang-types {

prefix yang;
}
import iana-if-type {
    prefix ianaift;
}
organization
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description
    "This module contains a collection of YANG definitions for
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revision 2019-09-05 {
    description
        "Initial revision.";
    reference "RFC XXXX: Network Interconnect Tester";
}

feature egress-direction {
    description
        "The device can generate traffic in the egress direction.";
}

feature ingress-direction {
    description
        "The device can generate traffic in the ingress direction.";
}

feature multi-stream {

description
  "The device can generate multi-stream traffic.";
}

feature ethernet {
  description
    "The device can generate ethernet traffic.";
}

feature ethernet-vlan {
  if-feature "ethernet";
  description
    "The device can generate vlan tagged ethernet traffic.";
}

grouping traffic-generator-burst-data {
  leaf frame-size {
    type uint32;
    description
      "Size of the frames generated. For example for ethernet interfaces the following definition applies:

      Ethernet frame-size in octets includes:
      * Destination Address (6 octets),
      * Source Address (6 octets),
      * Frame Type (2 octets),
      * Data (min 46 octets or 42 octets + 4 octets 802.1Q tag),
      * CRC Checksum (4 octets).

      Ethernet frame-size does not include:
      * Preamble (dependent on MAC configuration by default 7 octets),
      * Start of frame delimiter (1 octet)

      Minimum standard ethernet frame-size is 64 bytes but generators might support smaller sizes for validation.";
    mandatory true;
  }
  choice frame-data-type {
    case raw-frame-data {
      leaf frame-data {
        type string {
          pattern '([0-9A-F]{2})*';
        }
        must 'string-length(.)<=(../frame-size*2)';
        description
          "The raw frame data specified as hexadecimal string.";
      }
    }
The specified data can be shorter than the ../frame-size value specifying only the header or the header and the payload without for example the 4 byte CRC Checksum in the case of a Ethernet frame."

Ethernet interframe-gap between transmission of frames known as the interframe gap (IFG). A brief recovery time between frames allows devices to prepare for reception of the next frame. The minimum interframe gap is 96 bit times (12 octet times) (the time it takes to transmit 96 bits (12 octets) of raw data on the medium). However the preamble (7 octets) and start of frame delimiter (1 octet) are considered a constant gap that should be included in the interframe-gap. Thus the minimum value for standard ethernet transmission should be considered 20 octets.";

mandatory true;

"Similar to the interframe-gap but takes place between any two bursts of the stream."

"Number of frames contained in a burst";
uses traffic-generator-burst-data;
leaf frames-per-stream {
    type uint32;
    description
    "The count of frames to be generated before
    generation of the next stream is started.";
    mandatory true;
}
leaf interstream-gap {
    type uint32;
    description
    "Idle period after the last frame of the last burst.";
    mandatory true;
}

augment "/if:interfaces/if:interface" {
    container traffic-generator {
        if-feature "egress-direction";
        choice type {
            case single-stream {
                uses traffic-generator-burst-data;
            }
            case multi-stream {
                uses traffic-generator-multi-stream-data;
            }
        }
        leaf total-frames {
            type uint64;
            description
            "If this leaf is present the stream generation will stop
            after the specified number of frames are generated."
        }
    }
    container traffic-generator-ingress {
        if-feature "ingress-direction";
        choice type {
            case single-stream {
                uses traffic-generator-burst-data;
            }
            case multi-stream {
                uses traffic-generator-multi-stream-data;
            }
        }
        leaf total-frames {
type uint64;
description
"If this leaf is present the stream generation will stop
after the specified number of frames are generated."
}

augment "/if:interfaces-state/if:interface/if:statistics" {
    description
"Counters of generated traffic octets and packets."
leaf generated-pkts {
    type yang:counter64;
description
"Traffic generator packets sent."
}
leaf generated-octets {
    type yang:counter64;
description
"Traffic generator octets sent."
}
leaf generated-ingress-pkts {
    if-feature "ingress-direction";
type yang:counter64;
description
"Traffic generator packets generated in ingress mode."
}
leaf generated-ingress-octets {
    if-feature "ingress-direction";
type yang:counter64;
description
"Traffic generator octets generated in ingress mode."
}
}

grouping ethernet-data {
    leaf src-mac-address {
        type yang:mac-address;
    }
    leaf dst-mac-address {
        type yang:mac-address;
    }
    leaf ether-type {
        type uint16;
description
"The Ethernet Type (or Length) value
defined by IEEE 802.";
reference "IEEE 802-2014 Clause 9.2";
    }
}
choice encapsulation {
  case vlan {
    container vlan {
      if-feature "ethernet-vlan";
      leaf id {
        type uint16 {
          range "0..4095";
        }
        mandatory true;
      }
      leaf tpid {
        type uint16;
        default "33024";
        description "Configures the Tag Protocol Identifier (TPID) of the 802.1q VLAN tag sent. This value is used together with the vlan id for filtering incoming vlan tagged packets."
      }
      leaf pcp {
        type uint8 {
          range "0..7";
        }
        default "0";
        description "Configures the IEEE 802.1p Priority Code Point (PCP) value of the transmitted 802.1q VLAN tag."
      }
      leaf cfi {
        type uint8 {
          range "0..1";
        }
        default "0";
        description "Configures the Canonical Format Identifier (CFI) field (shall be 0 for Ethernet switches) of the transmitted 802.1q VLAN tag."
      }
    }
  }
}

augment "/if/interfaces/if:interface/tg:traffic-generator/tg:type/"
  + "tg:single-stream" {
  if-feature "ethernet";
  when "derived-from-or-self(.:/if:type, 'ianaift:ethernetCsmacd')" {
  description ...
"Ethernet interface type."
}
uses ethernet-data;
}
augment "/if:interfaces/if:interface/tg:traffic-generator/tg:type/"
  + "tg:multi-stream/tg:streams/tg:stream" {
  if-feature "ethernet";
  when "derived-from-or-self(../../../if:type, 'ianaift:ethernetCsmacd')" {
    description
      "Ethernet interface type.";
  }
  uses ethernet-data;
}

augment "/if:interfaces/if:interface/tg:traffic-generator-ingress/tg:type/"
  + "tg:single-stream" {
  if-feature "ethernet";
  when "derived-from-or-self(..../if:type, 'ianaift:ethernetCsmacd')" {
    description
      "Ethernet interface type.";
  }
  uses ethernet-data;
}
augment "/if:interfaces/if:interface/tg:traffic-generator-ingress/tg:type/"
  + "tg:multi-stream/tg:streams/tg:stream" {
  if-feature "ethernet";
  when "derived-from-or-self(../../../if:type, 'ianaift:ethernetCsmacd')" {
    description
      "Ethernet interface type.";
  }
  uses ethernet-data;
}
</CODE ENDS>

6. Traffic Analyzer Module YANG

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-traffic-analyzer@2019-09-05.yang"

module ietf-traffic-analyzer {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-traffic-analyzer";
  prefix ta;

  import ietf-interfaces {
    prefix if;
  }
  import ietf-yang-types {

prefix yang;
}

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}

feature egress-direction {
  description
    "The device can analyze traffic from the egress direction.";
}

feature ingress-direction {
  description
    "The device can generate traffic from the ingress direction.";
}

feature filter {
  description
    "This feature indicates that the device implements
     filter that can specify a subset of packets to be
analyzed when filtering is enabled."
}

feature capture {
  description
    "This feature indicates that the device implements packet capture functionality.";
}

identity filter {
  description
    "Base filter identity.";
}

identity ethernet {
  base ta:filter;
}

grouping statistics-data {
  leaf pkts {
    type yang:counter64;
  }
  leaf errors {
    type yang:counter64;
  }
  container testframe-stats {
    leaf testframe-pkts {
      type yang:counter64;
    }
    leaf sequence-errors {
      type yang:counter64;
    }
    leaf payload-errors {
      type yang:counter64;
    }
  container latency {
    leaf samples {
      type uint64;
    }
    leaf min {
      units "nanoseconds";
      type uint64;
    }
    leaf max {
      units "nanoseconds";
      type uint64;
    }
    leaf average {

description
   "The sum of all sampled latencies divided
   by the number of samples."
units "nanoseconds"
type uint64;
}
leaf latest {
   units "nanoseconds"
type uint64;
}
}
}
grouping capture-data {
   container capture {
      if-feature "capture"
      list frame {
         key "sequence-number"
         leaf sequence-number {
            type uint64;
         }
         leaf timestamp {
            type yang:date-and-time;
         }
         leaf length {
            type uint32;
         }
         leaf preceding-interframe-gap {
            type uint32;
         }
         leaf data {
            type string {
               pattern '([0-9A-F]{2})*';
            }
         }
      }
   }
}
grouping filter-data {
   container filter {
      presence
      "When present ingress packets are
      filtered before analyzed according
to the filter type"
      if-feature "filter"
      leaf type {

mandatory true;
    type identityref {
        base ta:filter;
    }
}
}
augment "/if:interfaces/if:interface" {
    container traffic-analyzer {
        if-feature "ingress-direction";
        presence "Enables the traffic analyzer for ingress traffic.";
        uses filter-data;
        container state {
            config false;
            uses statistics-data;
            uses capture-data;
        }
    }
    container traffic-analyzer-egress {
        if-feature "egress-direction";
        presence "Enables the traffic analyzer for egress traffic.";
        uses filter-data;
        container state {
            config false;
            uses statistics-data;
            uses capture-data;
        }
    }
}
augment "/if:interfaces/if:interface/ta:traffic-analyzer/ta:filter" {
    when "ta:type = 'ta:ethernet'";
    leaf ether-type {
        type uint16;
        description
            "The Ethernet Type (or Length) value defined by IEEE 802.";
        reference "IEEE 802-2014 Clause 9.2";
    }
}
augment "/if:interfaces-state/if:interface/if:statistics" {
    if-feature "ingress-direction";
    description
        "Counters implemented by ports with analyzers.";
    leaf testframe-pkts {
        type yang:counter64;
        description
            "Testframe packets recognized by the traffic analyzer.";
    }
}
7. IANA Considerations

This document registers three URIs and three YANG modules.
7.1. URI Registration

This document registers three URIs in the IETF XML registry [RFC3688]. Following the format in RFC 3688, the following registration is requested to be made:


Registrant Contact: The IESG.

XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

7.2. YANG Module Name Registration

This document registers three YANG module in the YANG Module Names registry YANG [RFC6020].

name: ietf-traffic-generator
prefix: tg
reference: RFC XXXX

name: ietf-traffic-analyzer
prefix: ta
reference: RFC XXXX

8. Security Considerations

This document does not introduce any new security concerns in addition to those specified in [RFC7950], section 15.

9. References

9.1. Normative References


9.2. Informative References


Appendix A. Examples

The following topology will be used for the examples in this section:

```
+-------------+          +------------+         +------------+
|             | e0    e0 |            | e1   e0 |            |
| tester0    TG|>-------->|    dut0    |>------->|TA  tester1 |
|             |          |            |         |            |
+-------------+          +------------+         +------------+
```

A.1. Basic Test Program

This program based on transactional network test API shows how the modules can be used:

```
# Connect to network
net=tntapi.connect("topology.xml")

# Configure DUTs and enable traffic-analyzers
net.node("dut0").edit( 
    "create /interfaces/interface[name='e0'] -- type=ethernetCsmacd"
)
net.node("dut0").edit( 
    "create /interfaces/interface[name='e1'] -- type=ethernetCsmacd"
)
net.node("dut0").edit( 
    "create /flows/flow[id='t0'] -- match/in-port=e0 " 
    "actions/action[order='0']/output-action/out-port=e0"
)
```

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"create /interfaces/interface[name='e0']/traffic-analyzer")
net.commit()

#Get network state - before
before=net.get()

# Start traffic
net.node("tester0").edit(
  "create /interfaces/interface[name='e0']/traffic-generator -- "
  "frame-size=64 interframe-gap=20")

net.commit()

time.sleep(60)

# Stop traffic
net.node("tester1").edit("delete /interfaces/interface[name='e0']/"
  "traffic-generator")
net.commit()

#Get network state - after
after=net.get()

#Report
sent_pkts=delta("tester0",before,after,
  "/interfaces/interface[name='e0']/statistics/out-unicast-pkts")

received_pkts=delta("tester1",before,after,
  "/interfaces/interface[name='e0']/statistics/in-unicast-pkts")

latency_max=absolute(after,
  "/interfaces/interface[name='e0']/traffic-analyzer/state/
  "testframe-stats/latency/max")

#Cleanup
net.node("tester1").edit(
  "delete /interfaces/interface/traffic-analyzer")
net.node("dut0").edit("delete /flows")
net.node("dut0").edit("delete /interfaces")
net.commit()

A.2. Generating RFC2544 Testframes

In sec. C.2.6.4 Test Frames a detailed format is specified. The
frame-data leaf allows full control over the generated frames
payload.
net.node("tester1").edit(
    "merge /interfaces/interface[name='e0']/
    "traffic-generator -- frame-data="
    "6CA96F0000026CA96F00000108004500"
    "002ED4A500000A115816C0000201C000"
    "0202C0200007001A0000010203040506"
    "0708090A0B0C0D0E0F101112")
...