Configuring Proactive Threshold Monitoring for Cisco IP SLAs Operations

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This document describes the proactive monitoring capabilities of Cisco IOS IP Service Level Agreements (SLAs) using thresholds and reaction triggering.

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the "Feature Information for IP SLAs Proactive Threshold Monitoring" section on page 10.

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Note For general information about IP SLAs operations, see the *Cisco IOS IP SLAs Overview*.

IP SLAs Reaction Configuration

IP SLAs reactions are configured to trigger when a monitored value exceeds or falls below a specified level or when a monitored event, such as a timeout or connection loss, occurs. If IP SLAs measures too high or too low of any configured reaction, IP SLAs can generate a notification to a network management application or trigger another IP SLA operation to gather more data.

IP SLAs Threshold Monitoring and Notifications

IP SLAs supports proactive threshold monitoring and notifications for performance parameters such as average jitter, unidirectional latency, bidirectional round-trip time (RTT), and connectivity for most IP SLAs operations. The proactive monitoring capability also provides options for configuring reaction thresholds for important VoIP related parameters including unidirectional jitter, unidirectional packet loss, and unidirectional VoIP voice quality scoring.

Notifications for IP SLAs are configured as a triggered reaction. Packet loss, jitter, and Mean Operation Score (MOS) statistics are specific to IP SLAs jitter operations. Notifications can be generated for violations in either direction (source-to-destination and destination-to-source) or for out-of-range RTT values for packet loss and jitter. Events, such as traps, are triggered when the RTT value rises above or falls below a specified threshold.

IP SLAs can generate system logging (syslog) messages when a reaction condition occurs. System logging messages can be sent as Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) traps (notifications) using the CISCO-RTTMON-MIB. SNMP traps for IP SLAs are supported by the CISCO-RTTMON-MIB and CISCO-SYSLOG-MIB.

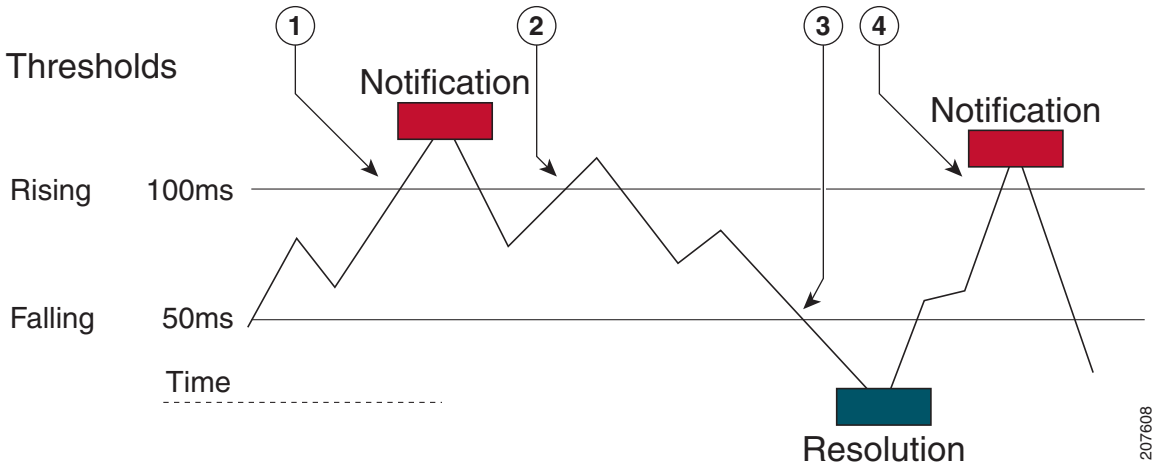
Note Severity levels in the CISCO-SYSLOG-MIB are defined as follows: SyslogSeverity INTEGER {emergency(1), alert(2), critical(3), error(4), warning(5), notice(6), info(7), debug(8)}

The values for severity levels are defined differently for the system logging process in Cisco IOS software. Severity levels for the system logging process in Cisco IOS software are defined as follows: {emergency (0), alert (1), critical (2), error (3), warning (4), notice (5), informational (6), debugging (7)}.

IP SLAs Threshold violations are logged as level 6 (informational) within the Cisco IOS system logging process but are sent as level 7 (info) traps from the CISCO-SYSLOG-MIB.

Notifications are not issued for every occurrence of a threshold violation. Figure 1 illustrates the sequence for a triggered reaction that occurs when the monitored element exceeds the upper threshold. An event is sent and a notification is issued when the rising threshold is exceeded for the first time. Subsequent threshold-exceeded notifications are issued only after the monitored value falls below the falling threshold before exceeding the rising threshold again.

Figure 1 IP SLAs Triggered Reaction Condition and Notifications for Threshold Exceeded



1	An event is sent and a threshold-exceeded notification is issued when the rising threshold is exceeded for the first time.
2	Consecutive over-rising threshold violations occur without issuing additional notifications.
3	The monitored value goes below the falling threshold.
4	Another threshold-exceeded notification is issued when the rising threshold is exceeded only after the monitored value first fell below the falling threshold.

Note A lower-threshold notification is also issued the first time that the monitored element falls below the falling threshold (3). As described, subsequent notifications for lower-threshold violations will be issued only after the rising threshold is exceeded before the monitored value falls below the falling threshold again.

RTT Reactions for Jitter Operations

RTT reactions for jitter operations are triggered only at the end of the operation and use the latest value for the return-trip time (LatestRTT), which matches the value of the average return-trip time (RTTAvg).

SNMP traps for RTT for jitter operations are based on the value of the average return-trip time (RTTAvg) for the whole operation and do not include RTT values for each individual packet sent during the operation. For example, if the average is below the threshold, up to half of the packets can actually be above threshold but this detail is not included in the notification because the value is for the whole operation only.

Only syslog messages are supported for RTTAvg threshold violations. Syslog nmessages are sent from the CISCO-RTTMON-MIB.

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Configuring Proactive Threshold Monitoring

Perform this task to configure thresholds and reactive triggering for generating traps or starting another operation.

Prerequisites

- IP SLAs operations to be started when violation conditions are met must be configured.

Restrictions

- RTT reactions for jitter operations are triggered only at the end of the operation and use the latest value for the return-trip time (LatestRTT).
- SNMP traps for RTT for jitter operations are based on the average value for the return-trip time (RTTAvg) for the whole operation only and do not include return-trip time values for individual packets sent during the operation. Only syslog messages are supported for RTTAvg threshold violations.
- Only syslog messages are supported for RTT violations during Jitter operations.
- Only SNMP traps are supported for RTT violations during non-Jitter operations.
- Only syslog messages are supported for non-RTT violations other than timeout, connectionLoss, or verifyError.
- Both SNMP traps and syslog messages are supported for timeout, connectionLoss, or verifyError violations only.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip sla reaction-configuration** *operation-number* **react** *monitored-element* [**action-type** *option*] [**threshold-type** {**average** [*number-of-measurements*] | **consecutive** [*occurrences*] | **immediate** | **never** | **xofy** [*x-value y-value*]}] [**threshold-value** *upper-threshold lower-threshold*]
4. **ip sla reaction-trigger** *operation-number target-operation*
5. **ip sla logging traps**
6. **snmp-server enable traps rtr**
   or
   snmp-server enable traps syslog
7. **snmp-server host** {*hostname* | *ip-address*} [**vrf** *vrf-name*] [**traps** | **informs**] [**version** {**1** | **2c** | **3** [**auth** | **noauth** | **priv**]}] *community-string* [**udp-port** *port*] [*notification-type*]
8. **exit**
9. **show ip sla reaction configuration** [*operation-number*]
10. **show ip sla reaction trigger** [*operation-number*]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip sla reaction-configuration** *operation-number* **react** *monitored-element* [**action-type** *option*] [**threshold-type** {**average** [*number-of-measurements*] | **consecutive** [*occurrences*] | **immediate** | **never** | **xofy** [*x-value y-value*]}] [**threshold-value** *upper-threshold lower-threshold*] **Example:** `Router(config)# ip sla reaction-configuration 10 react jitterAvg threshold-type immediate threshold-value 5000 3000 action-type trapAndTrigger`	Configures the action (SNMP trap or IP SLAs trigger) that is to occur based on violations of specified thresholds.
Step 4	**ip sla reaction-trigger** *operation-number target-operation* **Example:** `Router(config)# ip sla reaction-trigger 10 2`	(Optional) Starts another IP SLAs operation when the violation conditions are met. • Required only if the **ip sla reaction-configuration** command is configured with either the **trapAndTrigger** or **triggerOnly** keyword.
Step 5	**ip sla logging traps** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip sla logging traps`	(Optional) Enables IP SLAs syslog messages from CISCO-RTTMON-MIB.

Step 6	**snmp-server enable traps rtr**
	or
	snmp-server enable traps syslog
	
	Example:
	`Router(config)# snmp-server enable traps rtr`
	or
	
	Example:
	`Router(config)# snmp-server enable traps syslog`
		(Optional) Enables system to generate CISCO-RTTMON-MIB traps.
		or
		Enables system to generate CISCO-SYSLOG-MIB traps.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**snmp-server host** {*hostname* | *ip-address*} [**vrf** *vrf-name*] [**traps** | **informs**] [**version** {**1** | **2c** | **3** [**auth** | **noauth** | **priv**]}] *community-string* [**udp-port** *port*] [*notification-type*] **Example:** `Router(config)# snmp-server host 10.1.1.1 public syslog`	(Optional) Sends traps to a remote host. • Required if the **snmp-server enable traps** command is configured.
Step 8	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 9	**show ip sla reaction configuration** [*operation-number*] **Example:** `Router# show ip sla reaction configuration 10`	(Optional) Displays the configuration of proactive threshold monitoring.
Step 10	**show ip sla reaction trigger** [*operation-number*] **Example:** `Router# show ip sla reaction trigger 2`	(Optional) Displays the configuration status and operational state of target operations to be triggered.

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Example: Configuring an IP SLAs Reaction Configuration

In the following example, IP SLAs operation 10 is configured to send an SNMP logging trap when the MOS value either exceeds 4.9 (best quality) or falls below 2.5 (poor quality):

```
Router(config)# ip sla reaction-configuration 10 react mos threshold-type immediate
threshold-value 490 250 action-type trapOnly
```

The following example shows the default configuration for the **ip sla reaction-configuration** command:

```
Router# show ip sla reaction-configuration 1

Entry number: 1
Reaction Configuration not configured

Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# ip sla reaction-configuration 1
Router(config)# do show ip sla reaction-configuration 1

Entry number: 1
```

```
Reaction: rtt
Threshold Type: Never
Rising (milliseconds): 5000
Falling (milliseconds): 3000
Threshold Count: 5
Threshold Count2: 5
Action Type: None
```

Example: Verifying an IP SLAs Reaction Configuration

The following example shows that multiple monitored elements are configured for the IP SLAs operation (1), as indicated by the values of Reaction: in the output:

```
Router# show ip sla reaction-configuration

Entry Number: 1
Reaction: RTT
Threshold type: Never
Rising (milliseconds): 5000
Falling (milliseconds): 3000
Threshold Count: 5
Threshold Count2: 5
Action Type: None

Reaction: jitterDSAvg
Threshold type: average
Rising (milliseconds): 5
Falling (milliseconds): 3
Threshold Count: 5
Threshold Count2: 5
Action Type: triggerOnly

Reaction: jitterDSAvg
Threshold type:  immediate
Rising (milliseconds): 5
Falling (milliseconds): 3
Threshold Count: 5
Threshold Count2: 5
Action Type: trapOnly

Reaction: PacketLossSD
Threshold type:  immediate
Rising (milliseconds): 5
Threshold Falling (milliseconds): 3
Threshold Count: 5
Threshold Count2: 5
Action Type: trapOnly
```

Example: Triggering SNMP Notifications

The following example shows how to configure proactive threshold monitoring so that CISCO-SYSLOG-MIB traps are sent to the remote host at 10.1.1.1 if the threshold values for RTT or VoIP MOS are violated:

```
! Configure the operation on source.
Router(config)# ip sla 1
Router(config-ip-sla)# udp-jitter 10.1.1.1 3000 codec g711alaw
Router(config-ip-sla-jitter)# exit
```

```
Router(config)# ip sla schedule 1 start now life forever
! Configure thresholds and reactions.
Router(config)# ip sla reaction-configuration 1 react rtt threshold-type immediate
threshold-value 3000 2000 action-type trapOnly
Router(config)# ip sla reaction-configuration 1 react MOS threshold-type consecutive 4
threshold-value 390 220 action-type trapOnly
Router(config)# ip sla logging traps
! The following command sends traps to the specified remote host.
Router(config)# snmp-server host 10.1.1.1 version 2c public syslog
! The following command is needed for the system to generate CISCO-SYSLOG-MIB traps.
Router(config)# snmp-server enable traps syslog
```

The following sample system logging messages shows that IP SLAs threshold violation notifications are generated as level 6 (informational) in the Cisco IOS system logging process:

```
3d18h:%RTT-6-SAATHRESHOLD:RTR(11):Threshold exceeded for MOS
```

This following sample SNMP notification from the CISCO-SYSLOG-MIB for the same violation is a level 7 (info) notification:

```
3d18h:SNMP:V2 Trap, reqid 2, errstat 0, erridx 0
 sysUpTime.0 = 32613038
 snmpTrapOID.0 = ciscoSyslogMIB.2.0.1
 clogHistoryEntry.2.71 = RTT
 clogHistoryEntry.3.71 = 7
 clogHistoryEntry.4.71 = SAATHRESHOLD
 clogHistoryEntry.5.71 = RTR(11):Threshold exceeded for MOS
 clogHistoryEntry.6.71 = 32613037
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	*Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases*
Cisco IOS IP SLAs commands	*Cisco IOS IP SLAs Command Reference*

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by features in this document.	—

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
• CISCO-RTTMON-MIB • CISCO-SYSLOG-MIB	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFCs	Title
No specific RFCs are supported by the features in this document.	—

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Feature Information for IP SLAs Proactive Threshold Monitoring

Table 1 lists the features in this module and provides links to specific configuration information.

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Note Table 1 lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Table 1 Feature Information for IP SLAs Proactive Threshold Monitoring

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IP SLAs Reaction Threshold	12.2(31)SB2 12.2(33)SRB1 12.2(33)SXH 12.3(14)T 15.0(1)S Cisco IOS XE 3.1.0SG	Cisco IOS IP SLAs proactive threshold monitoring capability allows you to configure an IP SLAs operation to react to certain measured network conditions.
IP SLAs VoIP Threshold Traps	12.2(31)SB2 12.2(33)SRB1 12.2(33)SXH 12.3(14)T 15.0(1)S	Cisco IOS IP SLAs VoIP proactive threshold monitoring capability allows you to configure an IP SLAs operation to react to certain measured network conditions.