

Enhancements to Streaming Telemetry

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Hardware Timestamp

Table 1: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Hardware Timestamp	Release 7.3.1	Whenever periodic statistics are streamed, the collector reads the data from its internal cache, instead of fetching the data from the hardware. When the data is read from the cache, the rate at which data is processed shows spikes because the timestamp from the collector is off by several seconds. With hardware timestamping, the inconsistencies that are observed when reading data from the cache file is removed.

Whenever periodic stats are streamed, the collector reads the stats from its internal cache, instead of fetching the stats from the hardware. When the data is read from the sensor paths of Stats manager cache, the rate calculation shows spikes. This behavior is due to the timestamp from the collector that is off by several seconds. Therefore, timestamp of some other collector takes precedence because timestamps of collectors are not in synchronization with the current timestamp. This is observed when there are multiple collectors providing stats updates for the same interface.

The YANG data model for Stats manager <code>cisco-IOS-XR-infra-statsd-oper.yang</code> is enhanced to enable the collector to read periodic stats data from the router using hardware timestamp.

The hardware timestamp is taken into account when a primary collector (for generic or proto stats) provides stats updates from the hardware to the Stats manager. With hardware timestamping in rate computation while streaming periodic stats, the spikes due to the timestamp issue is resolved.

The hardware timestamp is updated only when the collector attempts to read the counters from hardware. Else, the value remains 0. The latest stats can be streamed at a minimum cadence of 10 seconds and periodic stats at a cadence of 30 seconds. The support is available only for physical interfaces and subinterfaces, and bundle interface and subinterfaces.

When there is no traffic flow on protocols for an interface, the hardware timestamp for the protocols is published as 0. This is due to non-synchronized timestamps sent by the collector for protocols in traffic as compared to non-traffic scenarios.

A non-zero value is published for protocols that have stats published by a primary collector for both traffic and non-traffic scenarios.



Note

The hardware timestamp is supported only for primary collectors. When the hardware has no update, the timestamp will be same. However generic counters are computed for primary and non-primary collectors. The non-primary collectors show the latest stats, but not the timestamp.

When the counters are cleared for an interface using **clear counters interface** command, all counter-related data including the timestamps for the interface is cleared. After all counter values are cleared and set to 0, the last data time is updated only when there is a request for it from a collector. For example, last data time gets updated from a collector:

```
Router#:Aug 7 09:01:08.471 UTC: statsd_manager_1[168]: Updated last data time for ifhandle 0x02000408, stats type 2 from collector with node 0x100, JID 250, last data time 1596790868. INPUT: last 4294967295 updated 1596469986. OUTPUT: last 4294967295 updated 1596469986
```

All other counter values and hardware timestamp are updated when the counters are fetched from the hardware. In this case, all counters including the hardware timestamp is 0:

```
{"node id str": "MGBL MTB 5504", "subscription id str": "app TEST 200000001",
"encoding path": "Cisco-IOS-XR-infra-statsd-oper:infra-statistics/interfaces/interface/cache/generic-counters",
"collection id":"7848",
"collection start time":"1596790879567",
"msg timestamp":"1596790879571","data json":
[{"timestamp":"1596790879570","keys":[{"interface-name":"FortyGiqE0/1/0/11"}],
"content":{ "packets-received":"0", "bytes-received":"0", "packets-sent":"0",
"bytes-sent":"0","multicast-packets-received":"0","broadcast-packets-received":"0",
"multicast-packets-sent":"0","broadcast-packets-sent":"0","output-drops":0,"output-queue-drops":0,
"input-drops":0,"input-queue-drops":0,"runt-packets-received":0,"giant-packets-received":0,
"throttled-packets-received":0,"parity-packets-received":0,"unknown-protocol-packets-received":0,
"input-errors":0, "crc-errors":0, "input-overruns":0, "framing-errors-received":0, "input-ignored-packets":0,
"input-aborts":0, "output-errors":0, "output-underruns":0, "output-buffer-failures":0, "output-buffers-swapped-out":0,
"applique":0, "resets":0, "carrier-transitions":0, "availability-flag":0,
"last-data-time": "1596790868", "hardware-timestamp": "0",
"seconds-since-last-clear-counters":15, "last-discontinuity-time":1596469946, "seconds-since-packet-received":0,
"seconds-since-packet-sent":0}}],"collection_end_time":"1596790879571"}
```

Enhanced Syslog Notifications for Unresolved Line Card Forwarding Paths

Table 2: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Enhanced Syslog Notifications for Unresolved Line Card Forwarding Paths		This feature notifies you of Line Card and Route Processor paths not resolving in the Forwarding Information Base. Both Model-Driven Telemetry (MDT) and Event Driven Telemetry (EDT) notifications are supported. In earlier releases, notifications for route processors were supported. This feature provides for improved diagnostics.

Telemetry now supports syslog notification from line cards. This is in addition to the existing notification support from route processors. You will be notified of line card and route processor paths not resolving in the Forwarding Information Base (FIB), through MDT and EDT notifications.

MDT is configured for cadence-based telemetry, while EDT is configured for event-based notification. Notifications are generated only when the device goes into error or OOR state, and during device recovery. Errors and OOR are tracked for a device as a whole, and not for individual nodes. The IPv4 Error, IPv6 Error, IPv4 OOR, and IPv6 OOR telemetry notifications are supported.

The following notification is an example of IPv4 error state, if a line card and route processor paths do not resolve in the FIB:

```
GPB (common) Message
[5.13.9.177:38418(PE1)/Cisco-IOS-XR-fib-common-oper:oc-aft-13/protocol/ipv4/error/state msg
    "Source": "5.13.9.177:38418",
    "Telemetry": {
        "node id str": "PE1",
        "subscription id str": "Sub2",
       "encoding path": "Cisco-IOS-XR-fib-common-oper:oc-aft-13/protocol/ipv4/error/state",
        "collection id": 243,
        "collection_start_time": 1637858634881,
        "msg timestamp": 1637858634881,
        "collection end time": 1637858634883
    },
    "Rows":
            "Timestamp": 1637858634882,
            "Keys": null,
            "Content": {
                "is-in-error-state": "true"
        }
```

}

Note The parameters denote "Content": { "is-in-error-state": "true" } that the system is in error state.

The following notification is an example of IPv4 OOR, if a line card and route processor are in OOR state:

```
GPB (common) Message
[5.13.9.177:50146(PE1)/Cisco-IOS-XR-fib-common-oper:oc-aft-13/protocol/ipv4/oor/state msg
len: 163]
    "Source": "5.13.9.177:50146",
    "Telemetry": {
        "node id str": "PE1",
        "subscription_id_str": "Sub1",
        "encoding path": "Cisco-IOS-XR-fib-common-oper:oc-aft-13/protocol/ipv4/oor/state",
        "collection_id": 11,
        "collection_start_time": 1637815892624,
        "msg timestamp": 1637815892624,
        "collection_end_time": 1637815892626
    "Rows": [
        {
            "Timestamp": 1637815892625,
            "Keys": null,
            "Content": {
                "is-in-oor-state": "true"
    ]
```



Note

The parameters denote "content": { "is-in-oor-state": "true"} that the system is in OOR state.

Target-Defined Mode for Cached Generic Counters Data

Table 3: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description	
Target-Defined Mode for Cached Generic Counters Data		This feature streams telemetry data for cached generic counters using a TARGET_DEFINED subscription. This subscription ensures that any change to the cache streams the latest data to the collector as an event-driven telemetry notification.	
		This feature introduces support for the following sensor path:	
		Cisco-IOS-XR-infra-statsd-oper:infra-	
		statistics/interfaces/interface/cache/generic-counters	

Streaming telemetry pushes the subscribed data from the router to one or more collectors. The telemetry infrastructure retrieves the data from the system database when you send a subscription request. Based on the subscription request or the telemetry configuration the cached generic counters data can be retrieved periodically based on the sample-interval. Data, such as interface statistics, is cached and refreshed at certain intervals. The TARGET_DEFINED subscription mode can be used to retrieve data when the cache gets updated, and is not based on a timer.

The application can register as a data producer with the telemetry library and the SysdB paths it supports. One of the data producers, Statsd, uses the library with a TARGET_DEFINED subscription mode. As part of this mode, the producer registers the sensor paths. The statistics infrastructure streams the incremental updates for statsd cache sensor path

Cisco-IOS-XR-infra-statsd-oper:infra-statistics/interfaces/interface/cache/generic-counters. With this path in the subscription, whenever cache is updated, the statsd application pushes the updates to the telemetry daemon. The daemon sends these incremental updates to the collector. The cache updates are pushed for physical interfaces, physical subinterfaces, bundle interfaces, and bundle subinterfaces. You can subscribe to the sensor path for the cached generic counters with <code>TARGET_DEFINED</code> mode instead of the sensor path for the latest generic counters

(Cisco-IOS-XR-infra-statsd-oper:infra-statistics/interfaces/interface/latest/generic-counters) to reduce the system load.

Configure the router to stream telemetry data from cache for generic counters using the following instructions:

Create a TARGET DEFINED subscription mode for cached generic counters using one of the two options:

• Option 1: gRPC Network Management Interface (gNMI) subscribe request

• Option 2: Model-driven telemetry configuration for non-gNMI requests

```
Router(config) #telemetry model-driven
Router(config-model-driven) #subscription sub1
Router(config-model-driven-subs) #sensor-group-id grp1 mode target-defined
Router(config-model-driven-subs) #source-interface Interface1
Router(config-model-driven-subs) #commit
```

After the subscription is triggered, updates to the stats cache are monitored. The statsd application pushes the cached generic counters to the client (collector).

View the number of incremental updates for the sensor path.

```
Router#show telemetry model-driven subscription .*
Fri Nov 12 23:36:27.212 UTC
Subscription: GNMI 16489080148754121540
  Collection Groups:
     Id: 1
     Sample Interval:
                          0 ms
                                (Incremental Updates)
     Heartbeat Interval: NA
     Heartbeat always:
                          False
     Encoding:
                          gnmi-proto
     Num of collection:
                         1
     Incremental updates: 12
     Collection time:
                          Min:
                                   5 ms Max:
                                                5 ms
     Total time:
                          Min:
                                   6 ms Avg:
                                                6 ms Max:
                                                              6 ms
     Total Deferred:
                         1
     Total Send Errors: 0
     Total Send Drops:
                          0
     Total Other Errors:
                          0
     No data Instances:
     Last Collection Start: 2021-11-12
              23:34:27.1362538876 +0000
     Last Collection End: 2021-11-12 23:34:27.1362545589
             +0000
     Sensor Path:
                          Cisco-IOS-XR-infra-statsd-oper:infra-statistics/interfaces/
                          interface/cache/generic-counters
```

In this example, the incremental updates of 12 indicates that the cache is updated 12 times.

You can also retrieve the detailed operational data about the subscription using the following command. In this example, statsd-target is the subscription name.

```
Router#show telemetry model-driven subscription statsd-target internal
Fri Nov 12 08:51:16.728 UTC
Subscription: statsd-target
State: ACTIVE
Sensor groups:
Id: statsd
Sample Interval: 0 ms (Incremental Updates)
Heartbeat Interval: NA
Sensor Path: Cisco-IOS-XR-infra-statsd-oper:infra-statistics/interfaces/interface/cache/
            generic-counters
Sensor Path State: Resolved
Destination Groups:
Group Id: statsd-target
Destination IP: 192.0.2.1
Destination Port: 56000
Encoding: json
Transport: grpc
State: Active
TLS : False
Total bytes sent: 623656
Total packets sent: 13
Last Sent time: 2021-08-16 08:51:15.1304821089 +0000
Collection Groups:
Id: 2
Sample Interval: 0 ms (Incremental Updates)
Heartbeat Interval: NA
Heartbeat always: False
```

```
Encoding: json
Num of collection: 1
Incremental updates: 3
Collection time: Min: 94 ms Max: 94 ms
Total time: Min: 100 ms Avg: 100 ms Max: 100 ms
Total Deferred: 0
Total Send Errors: 0
Total Send Drops: 0
Total Other Errors: 0
No data Instances: 0
Last Collection Start:2021-08-16 08:51:04.1293895665 +0000
Last Collection End: 2021-08-16 08:51:04.1293996284 +0000
```

The sample interval of 0 indicates that the data is streamed whenever an event occurs. Here, the event represents the updates to the cache state.

Related Commands:

- show tech telemetry model-driven
- show running-config telemetry model-driven
- show telemetry producers trace producer name info
- show telemetry producers trace producer name err

Stream Telemetry Data about PBR Decapsulation Statistics

Table 4: Feature History Table

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Stream Telemetry Data about PBR Decapsulation Statistics	Release 7.3.2	This feature streams telemetry data about header decapsulation statistics for traffic that uses the Policy-Based Routing (PBR) functionality to bypass a routing table lookup for egress. You use the Cisco-IOS-XR-infra-policymgr-oper.yang data model to capture the decapsulation data for Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) and Generic UDP Encapsulation (GUE) tunneling protocols. Decapsulation data helps you understand if all encapsulated packets are decapsulated and alerts you to issues if there is a mismatch in the number of packets.

You can stream telemetry data about PBR decapsulation statistics for GRE and GUE encapsulation protocols that deliver packets using IPv4 or IPv6. The encapsulated data has source and destination address that must match with the source and destination address in the classmap. Both encapsulation and decapsulation interfaces collect statistics periodically. The statistics can be displayed on demand using **show policy-map type pbr**

[vrf vrf-name] address-family ipv4/ipv6 statistics command. For more information on PBR-based decapsulation, see *Interface and Hardware Component Configuration Guide for Cisco 8000 Series Routers*.

With this release, the decapsulation statistics can be displayed using

Cisco-IOS-XR-infra-policymgr-oper. yang data model and telemetry data. You can stream telemetry data from the sensor path:

Cisco-IOS-XR-infra-policy.map-aper:policy-mapager/global/policy-map/policy-map-types/policy-map-type/vrf-table/vrf/afi-table/afi/stats

The following steps show the PBR configuration and the decapsulation statistics that is streamed as telemetry data to the collector.

Procedure

Step 1 Check the running configuration to view the configured PBR per VRF.

Example:

```
Router#show running-config
Building configuration..
!! IOS XR Configuration 0.0.0
vrf vrf1
address-family ipv4 unicast
address-family ipv6 multicast
!
!
netconf-yang agent
ssh
class-map type traffic match-all cmap1
match protocol gre
match source-address ipv4 161.0.1.1 255.255.255.255
match destination-address ipv4 161.2.1.1 255.255.255.255
end-class-map
policy-map type pbr gre-policy
class type traffic cmap1
 decapsulate gre
class type traffic class-default
end-policy-map
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/1
vrf vrf1
ipv4 address 2.2.2.2 255.255.255.0
shutdown
vrf-policy
vrf vrf1 address-family ipv4 policy type pbr input gre-policy
!
end
```

Step 2 View the output of the VRF statistics.

Example:

Router#show policy-map type pbr vrf vrf1 addr-family ipv4 statistics

```
VRF Name:
              vrf1
Policy-Name: gre-policy
Policy Type: pbr
Addr Family:
              IPv4
Class:
         cmap1
                              .__checs/bytes)
13387587/1713611136
(packets/
    Classification statistics
      Matched :
    Transmitted statistics
      Total Transmitted :
                                 13387587/1713611136
         class-default
Class:
    Classification statistics
                                 (packets/bytes)
                                    0/0
      Matched
    Transmitted statistics
                                 (packets/bytes)
      Total Transmitted
                                        0/0
```

After you have verified that the statistics are displayed correctly, stream telemetry data and check the streamed data at the collector. For more information about collectors, see *Operate on Telemetry Data for In-depth Analysis of the Network* section in the Monitor CPU Utilization Using Telemetry Data to Plan Network Infrastructure chapter.

Stream Telemetry Data about PBR Decapsulation Statistics