

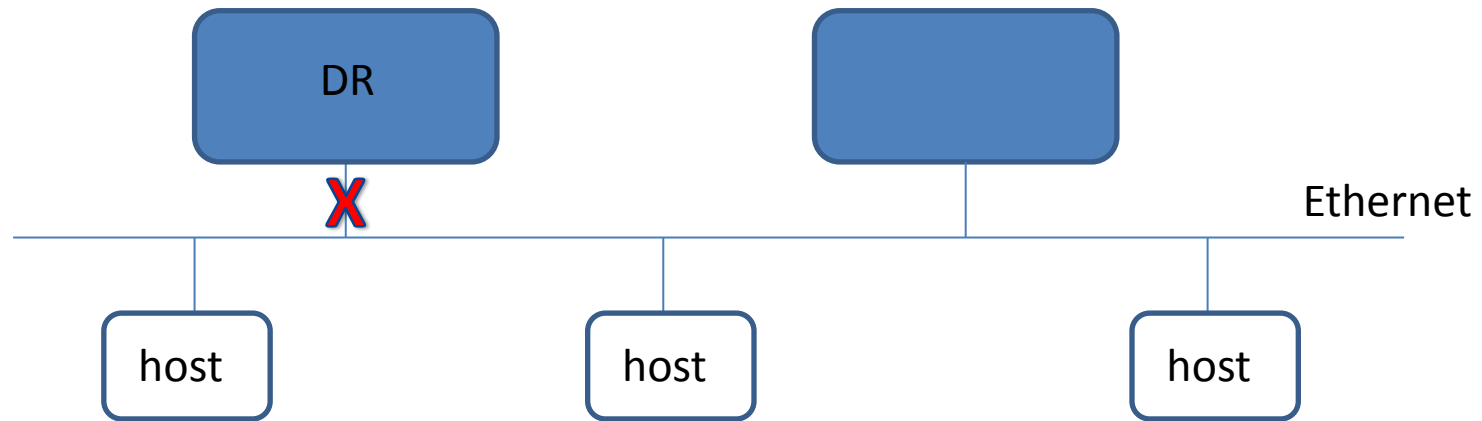
PIM DR IMPROVEMENT

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Problem Statement

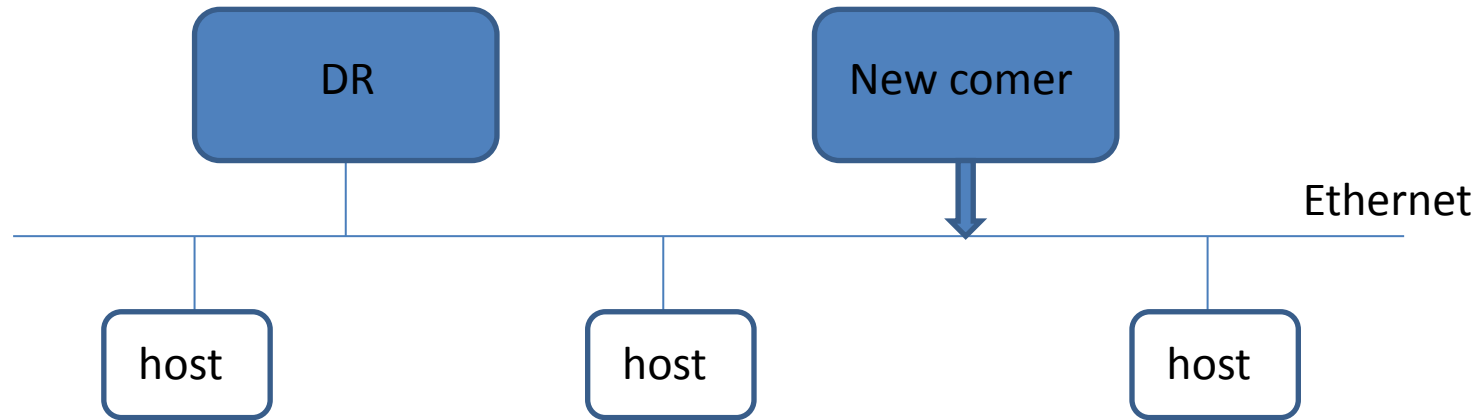
- When DR changes (RFC4601)



- When the DR becomes unreachable, it needs several seconds to elect a new DR.
- The multicast flow is interrupted for several seconds, which lead to the real-time applications such as IPTV, Network-Meeting interrupted.
- The maximum recover time may be 105 seconds, due to the default DR holdtime.

Problem Statement

- When new router comes in (RFC4601)



- When a new router which have higher DR-priority comes in, the new router will become the DR and import multicast flow from upstream router.
- The multicast flow will switch to new DR from old DR.
- The real-time applications such as IPTV, Network-Meeting will be influenced.

Requirement

How to reduce the recovery time of DR changing?

How to decrease the packets loss during the DR is changing?

- The DR should be stable, even if the new routers have higher priority.
- When the “old” DR is down, the new routers becomes DR as quickly as possible. The time that the new DR finds the failure of “old” DR must be more shorter.
- The new DR imports multicast flow from upstream routers as quickly as possible.

Solution

DR/BDR

- DR is the router which has the highest priority. But once DR is elected, new router which has higher priority can not replace the existed DR immediately.
- BDR is the router which has the highest priority except the existed DR.
- BDR monitor the existed DR by BFD. When the existed DR becomes unreachable, BDR should become DR immediately.
- BDR imports multicast flows from upstream routers in advance. But BDR will not forwarding the flows until the existed DR becomes unreachable.

- Comments welcome

Thanks!