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# **Priority & VLAN tagging**



### Three variations on tagging:

- Untagged frame
- Priority Tagged frame (802.1p)
  - -VID=0
- Tagged frame
  - VID = 1-4094 (4095 reserved)

# Real-life Bridge Experiences

- Bridges either egress ALL frames Tagged or ALL frames Untagged, nothing is egressed Priority Tagged
- In Untagged mode:
  - Strip priority tagging (goodbye to Class A/B)
  - Strip VLAN tagging
- In Tagged mode:
  - Assign Default VLAN to Priority Tagged frames
  - Add Default VLAN tag to untagged frames

# **AVB** and Tagging

- AVB ports need to run in tagging mode
  - Must pass priority (PCP) to next station
  - 1722/1733 packets assigned to Default VID by bridge
- What defines an AVB port?
  - Use MSRP to decide?
  - Use PTP to decide?
  - Resurrect LLDP to decide?

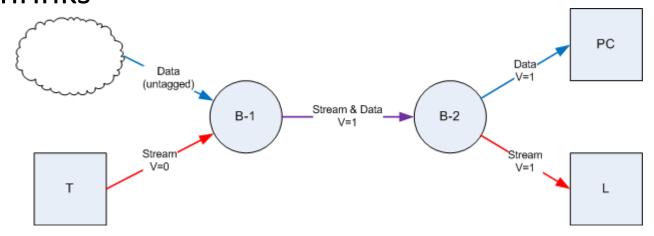
## Quick MSRP Abstract

- Declared vs. Registered
  - Declare TO another stations
  - Register FROM another station
- MSRPDU Declared on ALL ports
- Declarations (and related Registrations) comeand-go with Talkers and Listeners changing participation

### AVB Port determined via MSRP

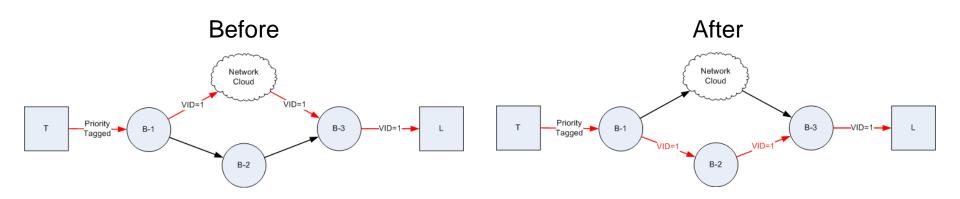
#### • Concerns:

- AVB Port boundary would be fluid
- Legacy end-point could see packets coming in Tagged and then later Untagged if AVB boundary shrinks\*



# Effects Of Spanning Tree Changes

- Have the possibility of causing "fluid" AVB Port boundaries
  - STP event occurs which reroutes Tagged traffic as shown below



# Conflicting Default VLANs

- Manufacturer A uses Default VID of 1 (802.1Q Table 9-2)
- Manufacturer B uses Default VID of 8
- Problem:
  - Priority Tagged frame enters Mfg-A bridge and comes out Tagged with VID=1
  - Tagged (VID=1) frame then enters Mfg-B bridge and is dropped since it is not in VLAN 8
  - Same problem in opposite direction
- Unacceptable solution
  - Configure bridges to recognize VLAN 1 and VLAN 8
  - AVB networks no longer "just work"
- 802.1BA must say AVB Bridges shall use Default VID=1

# **AVB Default Tagging Rules**

- Bridge Egress: Tag all egress traffic (VID=1) if any MSRP attributes are registered on that port and the port is asCapable, otherwise Untag all egress traffic.
  - This means the boundary is "fluid".
  - Add asCapable (802.1AS) so we never force Tagged traffic onto a network via a buffered repeater.
- Station Egress: Stream traffic will be Priority Tagged.
  Best Effort traffic is untagged.
- Station Ingress: Tags stripped from incoming Best Effort traffic.