PMD Naming Proposal Update

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Summary

- At the Salt Lake City, May 2019 meeting, the following were adopted:
 - 100 Gb/s, single-wavelength, 2km: 100GBASE-FR
 - 100 Gb/s, single-wavelength, 10km: 100GBASE-LR
 - 400 Gb/s, four-wavelength, 2km: 400GBASE-FR4
 - 400 Gb/s, four-wavelength, 10km: 400GBASE-LR4

(http://www.ieee802.org/3/cu/public/May19/minutes_3cu_0519_unapproved.pdf#pages=6)

- Since the meeting, we have received new information about End User Preferences, all in favor of adding a "1" after single lane PMD name
- As there were few strong preferences expressed for not including a "1" (the most common refrain is "I don't really care"), it is proposed that the Task Force reconsider the adopted single lane PMD naming convention

End User Naming Preferences

End User affiliation of Individual expressing preference	Single lane 500m, 2km, 10km PMD naming convention preference	
Alibaba	DR1, FR1, LR1	
Amazon	DR1, FR1, LR1	
Apple	DR1, FR1, LR1	
Facebook	DR1, FR1, LR1	
Google	DR1, FR1, LR1	
Microsoft	DR1, FR1, LR1	
Tencent	DR1, FR1, LR1	

Single and Multi-Lane PMD Names

- For single lane optics, having no digit after the letters was unambiguous when there was no multi-lane alternatives
- 10GBASE-LR and -SR were clear because there was no LR4 and SR4
- The 10G four lane standard used different encoding and was named 10GBASE-LX4, so there was no confusion with LR
- If there are single and multi-lane solutions, they need to be differentiated
- DR, FR, LR names are used generically for any PMD with that reach
- If same names are used for the corresponding single lane PMDs there is then an ambiguity whether the names are generic or specific
- The table on the next page shows this for FR and LR names

Generic & Single Lane PMD Names

PMD # of lanes	2km alt. A	10km alt. A	2km alt. B	10km alt. B
generic any # of lanes	FR	LR	FR	LR
1	FR	LR	FR1	LR1
2	FR2	LR2	FR2	LR2
4	FR4	LR4	FR4	LR4
8	FR8	LR8	FR8	LR8

802.3 PMD Naming Consistency

- 802.3ck Task Force, during the January 2019 interim meeting adopted 100GBASE-CR1 and 100GBASE-KR1 as names for 100G single copper lane PMDs.
- 802.3cu Task Force, during the May 2019 interim meeting adopted 100GBASE-FR and 100GBASE-LR as names for 100G single optical lane PMDs.
- We now have inconsistent naming conventions in 802.3

Proposed Motion For July Plenary

• Move to adopt the following nomenclature:

100GBASE-FR1	100 Gb/s operation on a single wavelength capable of at least 2 km of SMF
100GBASE-LR1	100 Gb/s operation on a single wavelength capable of at least 10 km of SMF

- Moved by: Chris Cole
- Seconded by: Kenneth Jackson
- Technical (>= 75%)
- Y: N: Abstain:
- Motion Passes/Fails

Thank you