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Abstract

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[1.](#) Introduction

This document describes an extension to Mobile IPv4 Registration Revocation (as described in [[REVOCATION](#)]) for a home or foreign agent to revoke mobile IP services for multiple bindings or visitors with a single registration revocation exchange.

[1.1.](#) Requirements notation

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC-KEYWORDS](#)].

[2.](#) Registration Revocation Extensions and Messages

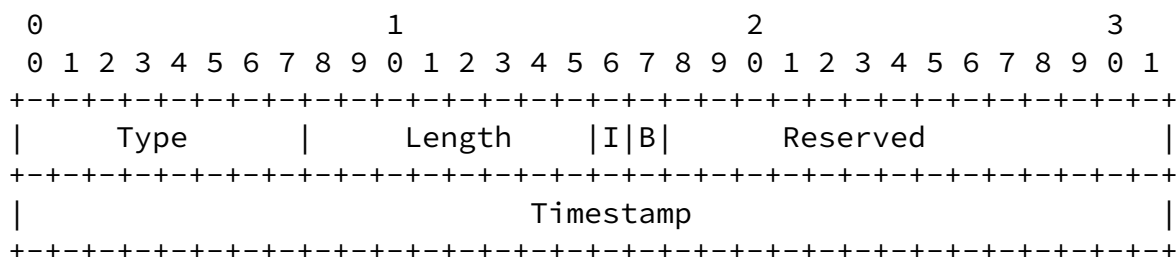
The following changes are required for bulk revocation.

1. The revocation support extension will include a bit indicating whether or not the agent supports bulk revocation.
2. The Registration Revocation and Registration Revocation Acknowledgment will include a bit indicating whether or not the registration is a bulk registration. If so, the Home Agent Address will include a prefix rather than a specific mobile node's home address. Additionally, a previously reserved field will now include the prefix length.
3. A non-skippable revocation selection extension is added to further qualify bulk Registration Revocation.

[2.1.](#) Revocation Support Extension Changes

The Mobile IP Revocation Support Extension indicates support of registration revocation, and so MUST be attached to a Registration Request or Registration Reply by any entity that wants to receive revocation messages. The extension is fully described in [\[REVOCATION\]](#). This document includes an indication of whether or not bulk revocation is supported for this registration. Alternately, bulk revocation could be negotiated globally between the mobility agents using a mechanism beyond the scope of this specification.

The format of the Revocation Support Extension is based on the Type-Length-Value Extension Format given in [MIP4] and is defined in [REVOCATION]. Changes are described below:



Revocation Support Extension

Changes to the Revocation Support Extension are:

Type

137 - Unchanged from [[REVOCATION](#)]

Length

Unchanged from [REVOCAION]

Timestamp

Unchanged from [[REVOCATION](#)]

'I' Bit

Unchanged from [REVOCAATION]

'B' Bit

This bit is set to '1' by a mobility agent to indicate that bulk revocation (as specified herein) is applicable to this binding.

Reserved

Reserved for future use. MUST be set to 0 on sending, MUST be ignored on receiving.

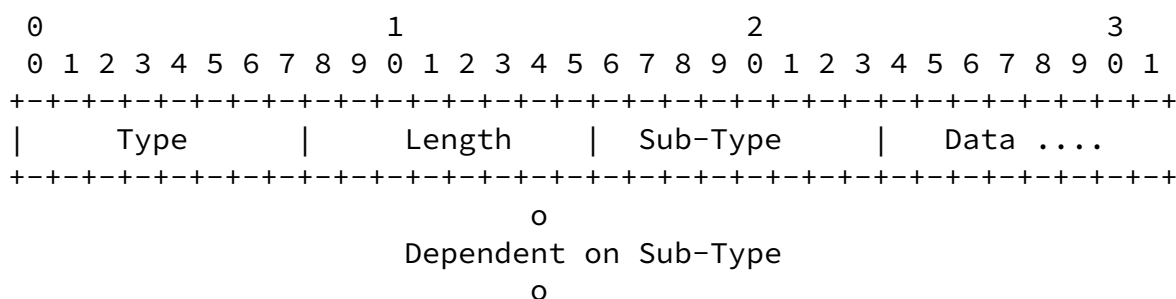
The Mobile IP Revocation Support Extension may appear in either a Registration Request or Registration Reply. 'B' bit or bulk

revocation support will only be in force when negotiated by both agents through either the setting of the 'B' bit or a global mechanism beyond the scope of this specification.

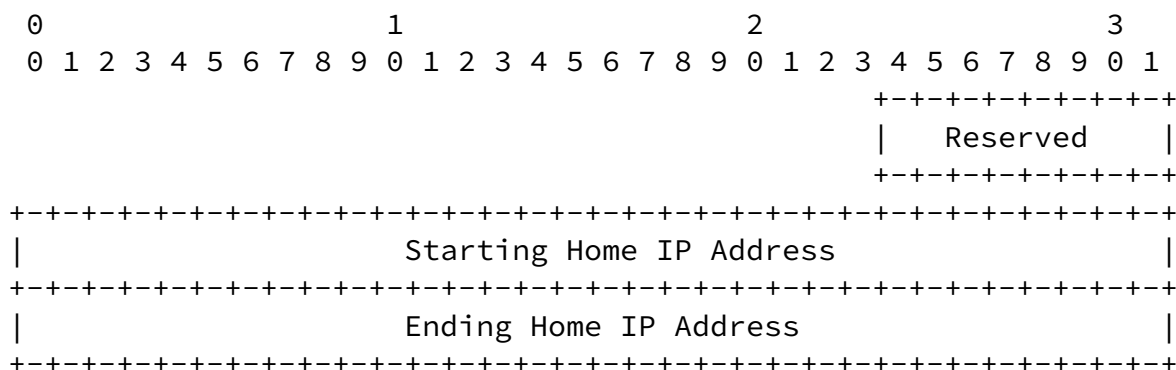
2.2. Revocation Selection Extension

The Mobile IP Revocation Selection Extension is used to further qualify bulk revocation (as described herein). It is only applicable to the Registration Revocation and Registration Revocation Acknowledgement messages.

The format of the Revocation Selection Extension is based on the Type-Length-Sub-Type-Value Short Extension Format described in [MIP4]. It further qualifies the selection of revoked registrations specified herein.



Revocation Selection Extension



Start/End Home IP Address Sub-Type Variable Format

1 - Start/End Home IP Address

Indicates the TLV contains a starting and ending home IP address used to further qualify registration selection. For this sub-type, the length of the TLV will be 10 bytes.

2 - NAI Regular Expression

Indicates the TLV contains a regular expression applied to the NAI (Network Access Identifier). This field is only limited by the single byte length. Hence, it can be up to 254 octets in length given that the sub-type takes 1 octet.

3 - Encapsulation

Indicates the TLV contains a tunnel encapsulation protocol identifier. This indicates that the bulk revocation only applies to registrations using the specified tunnel encapsulation. For this sub-type, the length of the TLV will be 2 bytes.

Reserved

Reserved for future use. MUST be set to 0 on sending, MUST be ignored on receiving.

Starting Home IP Address

The starting address in a range of IP home addresses whose registrations are to be revoked.

Ending Home IP Address

The ending address in a range of IP home addresses whose registrations are to be revoked.

NAI Regular Expression

A regular expression to be matched against the Network Address Identifier (NAI) for registration to determine which registrations are to be revoked. Refer to [\[NAI\]](#) for information on Mobile IP Network Access Identifiers. Refer to [\[REG-EXPR\]](#) for information on regular expressions.

The protocol ID corresponding to the tunnel encapsulation:

- 94 IP-in-IP encapsulation [[IP-IN-IP](#)]
- 47 Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) [[GRE](#)]
- 55 Minimal IP Encapsulation [[MIN-IP](#)]

The Mobile IP revocation selection extension may appear in either a Registration Revocation or Registration Revocation Acknowledgement message.

[2.3.](#) Registration Revocation Message Changes

The Registration Revocation Message is fully described in [[REVOCATION](#)]. The UDP header is followed by the Mobile IP fields which are repeated herein with the changes described below:

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Registration Revocation Message Changes

Changes to the Registration Revocation message are:

Type

7 - Unchanged from [[REVOCATION](#)]

'I' Bit

Unchanged from [[REVOCATION](#)]

'A' Bit

Unchanged from [[REVOCATION](#)]

'B' Bit

This bit is set to '1' by a mobility agent to indicate that this revocation message is a request for bulk revocation. Bulk revocation may apply to one or many registrations.

Reserved

Reserved for future use. MUST be set to 0 on sending, MUST be ignored on receiving.

Prefix Length

The prefix length which, when combined with the home prefix specifies which registrations are to be revoked. If bulk revocation is requested (as specified by the 'B' bit) and this field is zero, the Registration Revocation applies to all registrations for which bulk revocation was previously negotiated using the Revocation Support Extension or a global mechanism beyond the scope of this specification.

Reserved

Reserved for future use. MUST be set to 0 on sending, MUST be ignored on receiving.

Home Address/Prefix

If bulk revocation is requested ('B' bit set to '1'), this field is combined with the prefix length to select one or more registrations to be revoked. If bulk revocation is not requested ('B' bit set to '0'), this field specifies the home IP address of the mobile node whose registration is being revoked.

Home Domain Address

Unchanged from [[REVOCATION](#)]

Foreign Domain Address

Unchanged from [[REVOCATION](#)]

Revocation ID

Unchanged from [[REVOCATION](#)]

The Registration Revocation message is processed as before only now

it can be applied to one or more active registrations between the mobility agents. It must be authenticated as specified in [\[REVOCATION\]](#).

[2.4.](#) Registration Revocation Acknowledgment Message Changes

The Registration Revocation Acknowledgment Message is fully described in [\[REVOCATION\]](#). The UDP header is followed by the Mobile IP fields which are repeated herein with the changes described below:

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Registration Revocation Message Changes

Changes to the Registration Revocation Acknowledgement message are:

Type

15 - Unchanged from [\[REVOCATION\]](#)

'I' Bit

Unchanged from [\[REVOCATION\]](#)

'B' Bit

This bit is set to '1' by a mobility agent to indicate successful revocation of at least one registration in response to the bulk

revocation request.

Reserved

Reserved for future use. MUST be set to 0 on sending, MUST be ignored on receiving.

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Prefix Length

The prefix length which, when combined with the home prefix specifies which registrations were revoked. The prefix length MUST match the length specified on the corresponding Registration Revocation message.

Reserved

Reserved for future use. MUST be set to 0 on sending, MUST be ignored on receiving.

Home Address/Prefix

If bulk revocation is requested ('B' bit set to '1'), this field is combined with the prefix length to select one or more registrations to be revoked. If bulk revocation is not requested ('B' bit set to '0'), this field specifies the home IP address of the mobile node whose registration is being revoked. It MUST match the home address/prefix specified on the previous Registration Revocation message.

Revocation ID

Unchanged from [[REVOCATION](#)]

A Registration Revocation Acknowledgment message MUST be sent in response to a valid and authenticated registration revocation message as specified in [[REVOCATION](#)].

[2.5.](#) Replay Protection

Replay protection proceeds in much the same way as described in [[REVOCATION](#)]. However, when assuring that the message is not a replayed message, the mobility agent must check the timestamp to assure it is greater than the timestamp received from the most

recently received Mobility Revocation Support extension from the agent. One way to support this is to maintain the most recent per-peer timestamp for peer mobility agents. For co-located mobile nodes, there normally will be only one active registration (situations where there are many are beyond the scope of this document).

[3.](#) Bulk Registration Revocation Overview

Bulk Registration Revocation processing is identical to Registration Revocation as described in [[REVOCATION](#)] except for following differences:

1. When the Registration Request is received, bulk revocation support is negotiated through the setting of the B-Bit in the Revocation Support extension. This negotiation should not preclude global bulk revocation negotiation between mobility agents. However, such support is beyond the scope of this document.
2. When a mobility agent processes a bulk Registration Revocation, it may apply to multiple registrations.
3. The replay protection validation will now use the timestamp in the most recent Revocation Support Extension from the sending agent. This is described in [Section 2.5](#).

[3.1.](#) Home Agent Responsibilities

Home Agent responsibilities are identical to [[REVOCATION](#)] except as noted above. In situations where a single event may apply to

multiple registrations (or bindings on the Home Agent), a bulk revocation may be sent in lieu of multiple revocations. A non-exhaustive list of events that may benefit from bulk revocation includes:

1. Graceful shutdown of the home agent (HA) instance
2. Policy changes that preclude communication with the Foreign Agent (FA)
3. Withdrawn of the Home Agent local address from service
4. Home Address Pool deletion or change
5. Other policy change resulting in multiple registrations being revoked

[3.2.](#) Foreign Agent Responsibilities

Foreign Agent responsibilities are identical to [\[REVOCATION\]](#) except as noted above. In situations where a single event may apply to multiple registrations (or visitors on the Foreign Agent), a bulk

revocation may be sent in lieu of multiple revocations. A non-exhaustive list of events that may benefit from bulk revocation includes:

1. Graceful shutdown of the foreign agent (FA) instance
2. Policy changes that preclude communication with the Home Agent (HA)
3. Withdrawn of the Care-of-Address (CoA) from service
4. Other policy change resulting in multiple registrations being revoked

[3.3.](#) Direct Co-located Node Responsibilities

In general, bulk revocation is not the useful to a direct co-located

node since it will usually only have single registration with a home agent. Hence, there is really no reason for a direct co-located to negotiate bulk revocation in the first place by setting the B-Bit in the Revocation Support Extension appending to its initial registration. However, this specification does not preclude support and a direct co-located node negotiating bulk revocation must support bulk revocation requests.

[4.](#) Security Considerations

Security is basically unchanged from [\[REVOCATION\]](#) with the exception that replay protection will be based on the most recent registration revocation received from the peer (as described in [Section 2.5](#)). As with [\[REVOCATION\]](#), all message exchanges related to revocation MUST be protected by either a valid authenticator as specified in [\[MIP4\]](#). For communications between mobility agents, FA-HA authentication or a mechanism at least as secure, e.g. IPsec, is required. For communication between a home agent and a direct co-located mobile node, MN-HA authentication or a mechanism at least as secure is

required. In this context, all message exchanges relating to revocation include Registration Revocations, Registration Revocation Acknowledgments, Registration Requests including the Revocation Support Extension, and Registration Replies including the Revocation Support Extension.

[5.](#) IANA Considerations

A non-skippable extension value is needed for the Revocation Selection Extension. This should be allocated from the "Extensions

appearing in Mobile IP messages" number space in the "Mobile IPv4 Numbers". Also, a new sub-registry is required for the sub-types for this extension. Initially, it will have the following values:

1 - Start/End Home IP Address

Indicates the TLV contains a starting and ending home IP address used to further qualify registration selection.

2 - NAI Regular Expression

Indicates the TLV contains a regular expression applied to the NAI (Network Access Identifier).

3 - Encapsulation

Indicates the TLV contains a tunnel encapsulation protocol identifier.

Refer to [Section 2.2](#) for more information.

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