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Abstract

[RFC7838] defines the ALTSVC frame for HTTP/2 [RFC7540]. This frame is equally applicable to HTTP/QUIC ([I-D.ietf-quick-http]), but needs to be separately registered. This document describes the ALTSVC frame for HTTP/QUIC.

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1. Introduction

[RFC7838] defines HTTP Alternative Services, which allow an origin's resources to be authoritatively available at a separate network location, possibly accessed with a different protocol configuration. It defines two mechanisms for transporting such information, an HTTP response header and an HTTP/2 frame type.

[I-D.ietf-quic-http] describes the required updates for HTTP/2 frames to be used with HTTP/QUIC. Only a few modifications are required for the ALTSVC frame. No modifications are required for the "Alt-Svc" header field.

2. The ALTSVC HTTP/QUIC Frame

The ALTSVC HTTP/QUIC frame advertises the availability of an alternative service to an HTTP/QUIC client.

An ALTSVC frame from a server to a client on stream 1 (not 0, as in HTTP/2) indicates that the conveyed alternative service is associated with the origin contained in the Origin field of the frame.

An ALTSVC frame from a server to a client on a stream other than stream 1 indicates that the conveyed alternative service is associated with the origin of that stream.

The layout and semantics of the frame are identical to those of the HTTP/2 frame defined in [RFC7838]. The ALTSVC frame type is 0xa (decimal 10), as in HTTP/2.

3. Security Considerations

This document introduces no new security considerations beyond those discussed in [RFC7838] and [I-D.ietf-quic-http].

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4. IANA Considerations

This document registers the ALTSVC frame type in the "HTTP/QUIC Frame Type" registry ([[I-D.ietf-quic-http](#)]).

Frame Type: ALTSVC

Code: 0xa

Specification: This document

5. References

5.1. Normative References

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