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Abstract

This short draft provides a straw man for the RPL Mesh Header.

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**[1.](#) Introduction**

[I-D.thubert-6man-flow-label-for-rpl] defines a way to carry RPL information in a flow label. The present draft shows how to carry the same information in a RPL Mesh Header, in a slightly more efficient way.

**[1.1.](#) Terminology**

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 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

**[2.](#) Idea**

(Insert definitions from [[I-D.thubert-6man-flow-label-for-rpl](#)] here.)

Where [[I-D.thubert-6man-flow-label-for-rpl](#)] would carry the [[RFC6553](#)] information in a flow label:

```

      0                               1                               2
    0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
      | 0|R|F|  SenderRank   | RPLInstanceID |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+

```

the RPL Mesh header carries it in a Mesh header, depending on whether Rank and Inst both fit into 4 bits (S=0) or not (S=1):



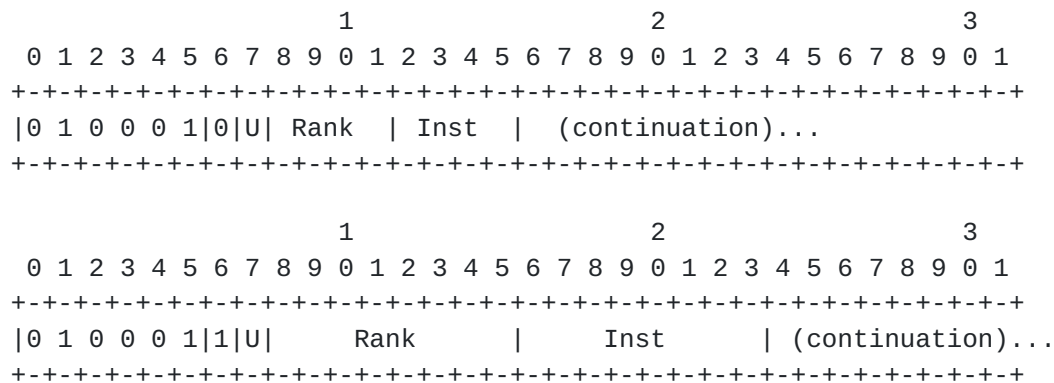


Figure 1: RPL Mesh Header: Short and Long Version

The U bit controls whether an [RFC6282] IPHC dispatch follows (U=0, Figure 2) or an [RFC4944] FRAG1 fragment header (U=1, Figure 3). In both cases, the first three bits of the dispatch are replaced by the 0, R, and F bits from [I-D.thubert-6man-flow-label-for-rpl].

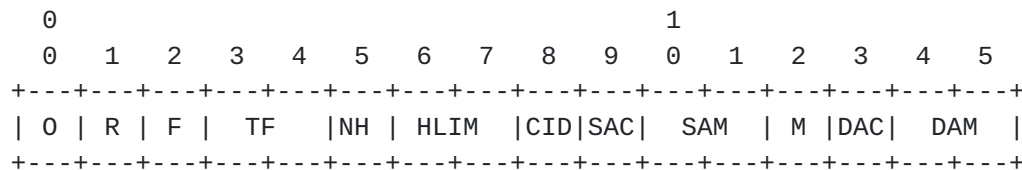


Figure 2: continuation for U=0

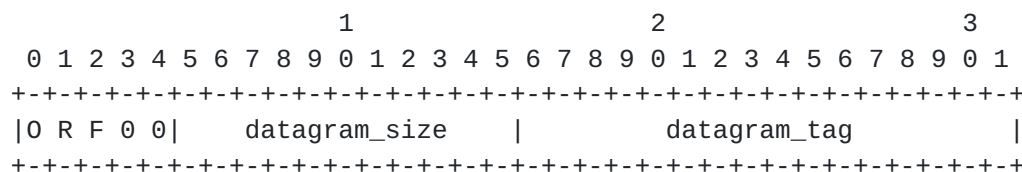


Figure 3: continuation for U=1

### 3. IANA considerations

This draft requests IANA to assign the following four dispatch types in the "IPv6 Low Power Personal Area Network Parameters" registry:

01 0001SU

### 4. Security considerations

The security considerations of [RFC4944], [RFC6282], and [RFC6553] apply.



## **5. References**

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