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Abstract

This document defines a protocol to support accessing general graphical user interface (GUI) desktops and applications remotely, either by a single remote user or embedded into a multiparty conference. The protocol is designed to allow sharing of, and access to general windowing system applications that have not been expressly written to be accessed remotely.

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## 1. Definitions

Application Host (AH): An application host (AH) is the computer which runs the shared application, distributes the screen updates to the participants, and regenerates human interface events received from participants.

Participant: Participant is the computer which receives screen updates from AH and sends human interface events back to the AH. Participants do not need to store or run the shared application. More than one participant may connect to a single AH.

Remoting Protocol: Remoting protocol messages allows the AH to distribute windowing information and screen updates to participants.

Human Interface Protocol (HIP): Human Interface Protocol (HIP) allows participants to send human interface device (HID) events to AH. HIDs generates mouse or keyboard events such as a key press, key release, mouse move, and mouse click.



**2. Introduction**

Application and desktop sharing allows sharing of any software application with one or more participants over the Internet. The application host (AH) is the computer which runs the shared application. The participants receive the screen-view of the shared application from the AH. They do not need to run or store the shared application. Their mouse and keyboard events are delivered and regenerated at the AH. An Application and desktop sharing system adheres to a client-server architecture [Figure 1].

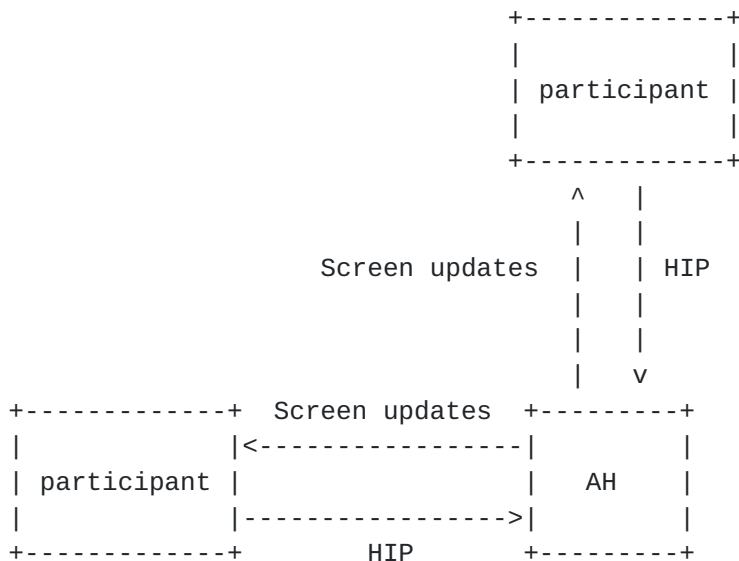


Figure 1: Application sharing system architecture

Application and desktop sharing enables collaborative work, software tutoring, and e-learning over the Internet. While two-party and multi-party conferencing using standards-based protocols is now common and well-developed, protocols for sharing applications are largely proprietary or based on the aging T.120 [T120] suite of protocols. In this document, we define an RTP payload format for application and desktop sharing.

Application sharing differs from desktop sharing. In desktop sharing, a computer distributes all screen updates. In application sharing, the AH distributes screen updates if and only if they belong to the shared application's windows. Applications often consist of a changing set of related windows which serve the same task and are usually associated with the same process on the AH. Considering only the boundary of the shared windows is not enough. Other non-shared windows may cover the shared window or shared application may open new child windows such as those for selecting options or fonts. A





true application sharing system must blank all the nonshared windows and must transfer all the child windows of the shared application.

We note that remote access to an application ("remote desktop") and multiple users sharing an application within a collaboration setting such as a multimedia call or multiparty conference are very similar. The protocols defined in this document therefore support both.

Remote access differs from video transmission of the sort for which most video encodings have been designed. In particular, screen encoding may need to be lossless and typically operates on artificial rather than natural (photographic) video input. The video input is characterized by large areas of the screen that remain unchanged for long periods of time, while others change rapidly. (However, rendering the output of a modern computer-generated animation application such as video games blurs the distinction between traditional motion video output and screen sharing.)

Application sharing can be integrated into the existing IETF session model, encompassing session descriptions using the Session Description Protocol (SDP) [[RFC2327](#)] or successors and the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) [[RFC3261](#)]. Application sharing needs many of the same control functions as other multimedia sessions, such as address binding, session feature and media negotiation. The session model is also beneficial for the remote desktop case, as it allows to re-use many of the well-developed session components and easily supports hybrid multimedia models, such as the delivery of desktop audio to the remote user.

Remote access to graphical applications and desktops, as defined in this document, has two important characteristics. First, the access protocol is unaware of any semantic characteristics of the applications being shared; it only transmits the visual characteristics of the windows. This is different, therefore, from shared-drawing or shared-editing tools that allow distributed modification of documents. Secondly, the protocol is designed to work with applications which were not written to be used remotely, by intercepting or simulating their connections to their native window systems. That distinguishes it from systems such as the X Window System [[X](#)] which allow natively-written applications to be displayed on remote viewers.

We distinguish between the AH user and participants. The AH user interacts with the application using normal operating system mechanisms. Participants interact via the delivery protocols described here.

The application sharing problem can be divided into four components:



(1) setting up a session to the AH, (2) transporting human interface events from the participants to the AH, (3) delivering screen output from the AH to the participants, (4) moderating access to shared human interface devices such as pointing devices (e.g., mouse, joystick, trackball) and text input (keyboard). We refer to component (2) as the "human interface protocol (HIP)" and component (3) as the "remoting protocol". Remote user input access is moderated by the Binary Floor Control Protocol (BFCP) [[RFC4582](#)].

Session negotiation and description can be provided by existing session setup protocols. Thus, they are beyond the scope of this document.

The rest of this document is laid out as follows. [Section 3](#) defines the common terminology for normative references. [Section 4](#) gives an overview of the protocol's architecture and components. The remoting protocol and HIP are described in [Section 5](#) and 6, respectively. [Section 8](#) gives implementation notes, and [Section 9](#) discusses security considerations.



### **3. 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 [[RFC2119](#)].







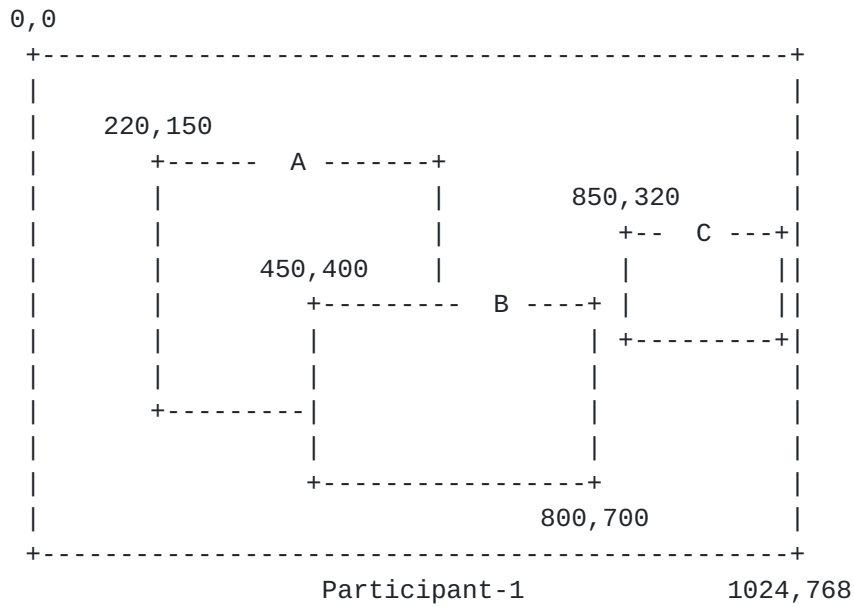


Figure 3: Participant 1 displays the shared windows in their original coordinates

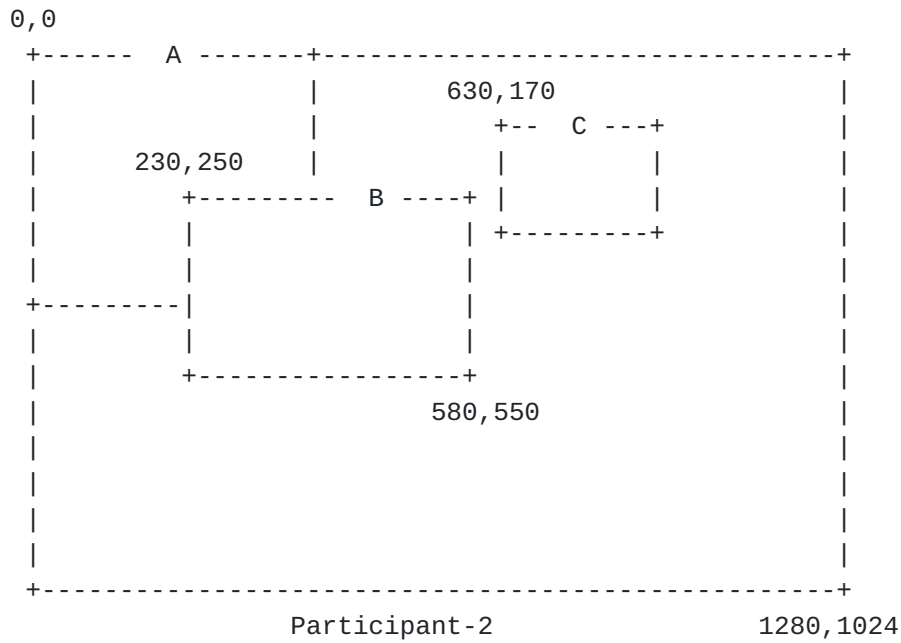


Figure 4: Participant 2 displays the shared windows in shifted coordinates



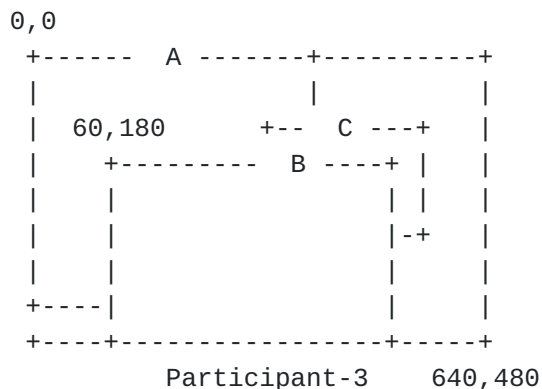


Figure 5: Participant 3 displays the shared windows in completely different coordinates

Figure 2 shows an example scenario where three windows are shared. All coordinates are absolute. A participant can display the windows in their original coordinates or it can display them in different coordinates. In Figure 3, participant 1 displays the windows in their original coordinates. Participant 2 shifts all the windows 220 pixels left and 150 pixels up Figure 4. Participant 2 preserves the relations between windows, while participant 3 combines all the windows in order to fit them to its small screen Figure 5. In this example scenario, all participants preserve the z-order of windows. The AH informs the participants about windows' positions and sizes, z-order, and their groupings. The AH MAY assign same group identifier to the windows which belongs to the same process. Grouping information MAY be used by the participant while relocating the windows or enforcing the z-order. A participant MAY allow changing the z-order (i.e., stacking order) of windows locally, without changing the z-order in the AH. Several remoting/HIP message types carries left, top, width and height fields. The units of these fields are in pixels and they are unsigned.

The AH MUST only accept legitimate HIP events by checking whether the requested coordinates are inside the shared windows.

**4.2. Operation**

Detecting a change in the GUI of the shared application, the AH prepares an RTP [RFC3550] packet containing an encoded image of the updated region. RTP allows the participants to re-order the packets, recognize missing packets and synchronize application sharing with other media types like audio and video. The screen updates can be encoded with PNG [I-D.boyaci-avt-png], JPEG [RFC2435], JPEG 2000 [RFC5371], Theora [theora] or other media types like H.264 [RFC3984], according to their characteristics. PNG is an open image format which uses a lossless compression algorithm and more suitable for



computer generated images. JPEG is lossy, but more suitable for photographic images. JPEG 2000 supports both lossless and lossy compression, therefore suitable for both computer generated images and movies. Theora is an open source video codec comparable to H.264 and suitable for movie encoding.

Although multiple users could receive the screen updates simultaneously, clearly only one of them can manipulate the application via keyboard and mouse events. The Binary Floor Control Protocol (BFCP) [[RFC4582](#)] MAY be used to restrict the control of the application to a single user. BFCP receives floor request and floor release messages from participants; and then it grants the floor to the appropriate participant for a period of time while keeping the requests from other participants in a FIFO queue. The details of utilizing BFCP in the context of application and desktop sharing are given in [Appendix A](#).

The protocol supports two different mouse pointer models. Mouse pointer images can be transmitted as RegionUpdate messages or they may be transmitted separately as MousePointerInfo messages. The AH decides which mouse model to use. The participants MUST support both mouse models.

HIP supports both UTF-8 encoded unicode characters and other keyboard keys which are not defined in unicode such as function and control keys. For keyboard events publicly available Java virtual key codes [[keycodes](#)] are used.

The application and desktop sharing models defined in this document can be integrated into the IETF conferencing model. The Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) [9] can be used to initiate and control remote access. This allows the use of existing SIP mechanisms for confidentiality, authentication and authorization, user location, conferencing.

Additional, optional mechanisms can enhance application and desktop sharing. Audio streams can be associated with a desktop or application; participant-side scaling can be used to optimize transmission of data to participants with a small screen; and it is often useful to allow copy-and-paste between applications running on a participant and those running on an AH. This document does not define any such extensions.

The AH can support both multicast and unicast transmissions. For unicast connections, either UDP or TCP can be used. The AH can share an application to TCP participants, UDP participants, and several multicast addresses in the same sharing session.



### **[4.3.](#) Participants using UDP**

The AH controls the transmission rate for participants using UDP, because UDP itself does not provide flow and congestion control. Several simultaneous multicast sessions with different transmission rates can be created at the AH.

Participants can join a sharing session anytime, and they need the shared windows' information and full screen buffer before receiving partial updates. Therefore, participants using UDP send an RCTP-based feedback message, Picture Loss Indication (PLI) [[RFC4585](#)], after joining the session. The AH prepares and transmits the windows' state information and image of the whole shared region after receiving a PLI message.

### **[4.4.](#) Participants using TCP**

Since TCP provides reliable communication and flow control, it is more suitable for unicast sessions. TCP participants may have different bandwidths, so an algorithm which sends the updates at the link speed of each participant is needed.

Neither TCP nor RTP declares the length of an RTP packet. Therefore, RTP framing [[RFC4571](#)] is used to split RTP packets within the TCP byte stream.

The AH prepares and transmits the windows' state information and image of the whole shared region to the new participant, right after the TCP connection establishment.

### **[4.5.](#) Protocol Overview**

Application and desktop sharing protocol consists of two subprotocols: remoting and human interface protocol (HIP). Remoting messages transmit screen updates from AH to participants. HIP messages transmit mouse and keyboard events from the participant to the AH.

Remoting and HIP messages are RTP messages. They consist of an RTP header, common remoting/HIP header, message-type specific header, and message payload [Figure 6]. The HIP messages have a different payload type than the remoting messages.









not need MousePointerInfo message.

"Picture loss indication (PLI)" and "NACK request" are control messages and they are transmitted as RTCP messages. The "NACK request" is used only by UDP participants to request retransmission of missing packets from the AH. AHs MAY support retransmissions. PLI can be used by both UDP and TCP participants to request a full screen refresh.

#### **4.5.2. Human Interface Protocol (HIP) Overview**

HIP consist of seven messages: namely, Mouse Pressed, Mouse Released, Mouse Moved, Mouse Wheel Moved, Key Pressed, Key Released and Key Typed. These messages are all from AH to participant and carried as RTP messages. However, these HIP messages have different payload type than the remoting messages.



5. Remoting Protocol

5.1. Payload Format

5.1.1. RTP Header Usage

Marker bit: The marker bit indicates the last packet of a multi-packet RegionUpdate (Section 5.2.2 message. The marker bit allows the receiver to finish decoding the picture, without waiting for the next packet with a new timestamp. Unless defined otherwise, all other message types MUST set this bit to zero

Timestamp: The RTP timestamp indicates the time instance the remoting message has been created at the AH. The RTP timestamp is based on a 90-kHz clock. If a RegionUpdate message occupies more than one packet, the timestamp SHALL be the same for all of those packets. Furthermore, the initial value of the timestamp MUST be random (unpredictable) to make known-plaintext attacks more difficult [RFC3550].

The remaining RTP header fields are used as specified in RFC 3550.

5.1.2. Common remoting/HIP header

All remoting protocol messages carry a common remoting/HIP header [Figure 7] which follows the RTP header. Message type and parameter fields are 8 bit identifiers, whereas the windowID is a 16-bit identifier. The windowID field is unsigned and has a range of 0-65535.

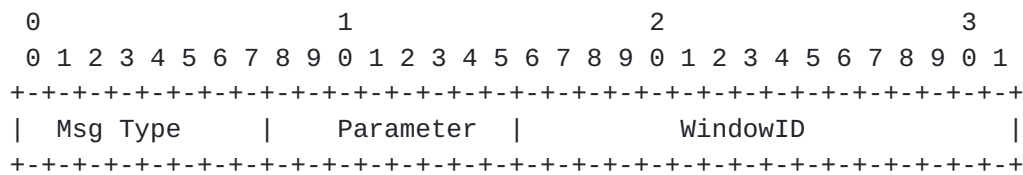


Figure 7: Common remoting/HIP header

Table 1 enumerates the message types defined in this document. Participants MUST implement all of them. Section 9 describes how additional message types can be registered with IANA. Participants MAY ignore such additional message types.



| Value | Message Type      |
|-------|-------------------|
| 1     | WindowManagerInfo |
| 2     | RegionUpdate      |
| 3     | MoveRectangle     |
| 4     | MousePointerInfo  |

Table 1: Remoting protocol message types

**5.2. AH-to-participant messages**

**5.2.1. WindowManagerInfo**

The WindowManagerInfo message informs the participants about windows, their positions and sizes, z-order, and their groupings. This message transfers the complete window manager state to the participants. Each shared window resize and relocation in any coordinate triggers a WindowmangerInfo message. Parameter and WindowID fields of common remoting/HIP header MUST be ignored. This message carries a message specific payload. One or more window records [Figure 8] follow the common remoting/HIP header.

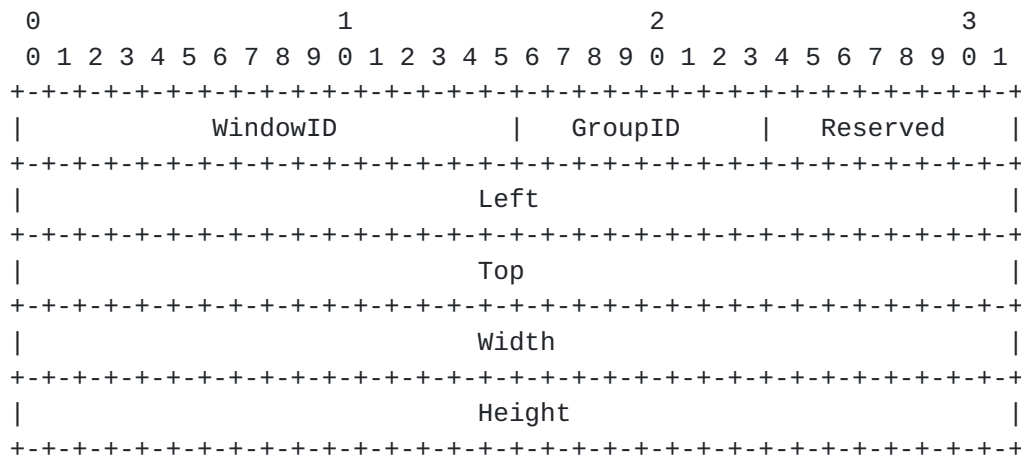


Figure 8: A Window Record

Each window record is 20-bytes. The z-order information is given implicitly to the participants. The first record describes the window at the bottom of the stacking order, the last record the one on top. The "left" and "Top" fields carries the upper-left coordinate of the window. The "Width" and "Height" fields carries





the width and the height of the window, respectively. Each window is assigned a WindowID. The participant MUST create a window for each new WindowID and MUST close this window after receiving a WindowManagerInfo message which does not contain this WindowID. GroupID fields informs the participant about grouping of windows. The AH MAY assign same GroupID to the windows which belongs to the same process. Grouping information MAY be used by the participant while relocating the windows or enforcing the z-order. The value of "0" for GroupID field is reserved and represents no grouping for given window.

Figure 9 is an example WindowManagerInfo message for the three shared windows in Figure 2. The participant MUST keep the existing window image after a resize and relocation.







remoting/HIP header will carry both the FirstPacket bit and the actual payload type of the content. The 7 bit PT field carries the actual payload type of the content which can be PNG, JPEG, Theora, or any other media type which has an RTP payload specification. All AH and participant software implementations MUST support PNG images [I-D.boyaci-avt-png]. The message-type specific header follows common remoting/HIP header. Message-type specific header consists of two 32 bit parameters, left and top. These two parameters informs the participants about the left-top coordinate of the RegionUpdate. The width and height of the RegionUpdate is not transmitted explicitly by this protocol.

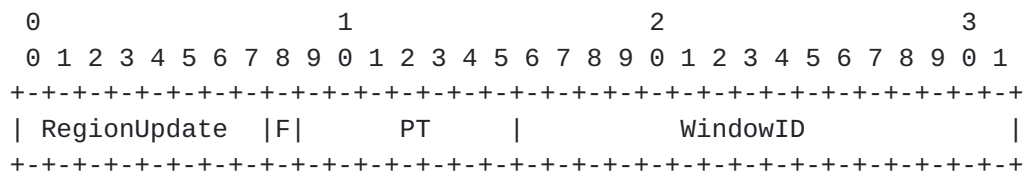


Figure 10: Common remoting/HIP header for RegionUpdate messages

If the content of the update does not fit into a single RTP message, it will be carried in several RTP payloads. All the payloads will carry the 32 bit common remoting/HIP header, while left and top fields are carried only in the first RTP payload. The marker bit and FirstPacket bit informs the participants about the fragmentation.

| Marker bit | FirstPacket bit | Fragment Type         |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1          | 1               | Not Fragmented        |
| 0          | 1               | Start Fragment        |
| 0          | 0               | Continuation Fragment |
| 1          | 0               | End Fragment          |

Table 2: Marker and FirstPacket bits carry fragmentation info

Figure 11 displays an example RegionUpdate message. The RTP header is omitted in Figure 11. The RegionUpdate is non fragmented, therefore both the marker bit in the RTP header and FirstPacket bit in the payload header is set to 1.



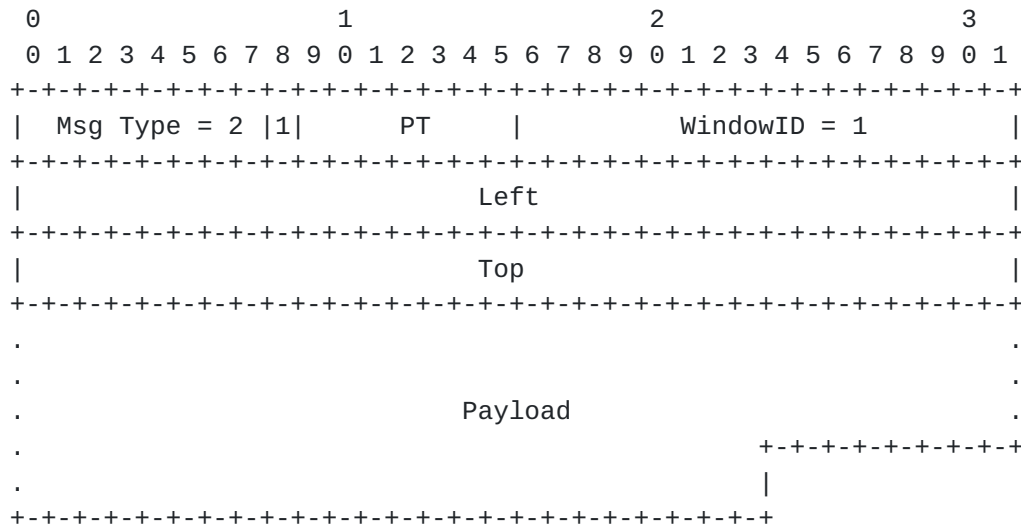


Figure 11: An example non fragmented RegionUpdate message

5.2.3. MoveRectangle

The MoveRectangle message instructs the participant to move the specified region of a window to a new position. This message carries a message-type specific header. The AH informs the participants about the source rectangle via source left, source top, width and height parameters. Participants learns the destination coordinates from destination left and destination top parameters. Source and destination rectangles may overlap.

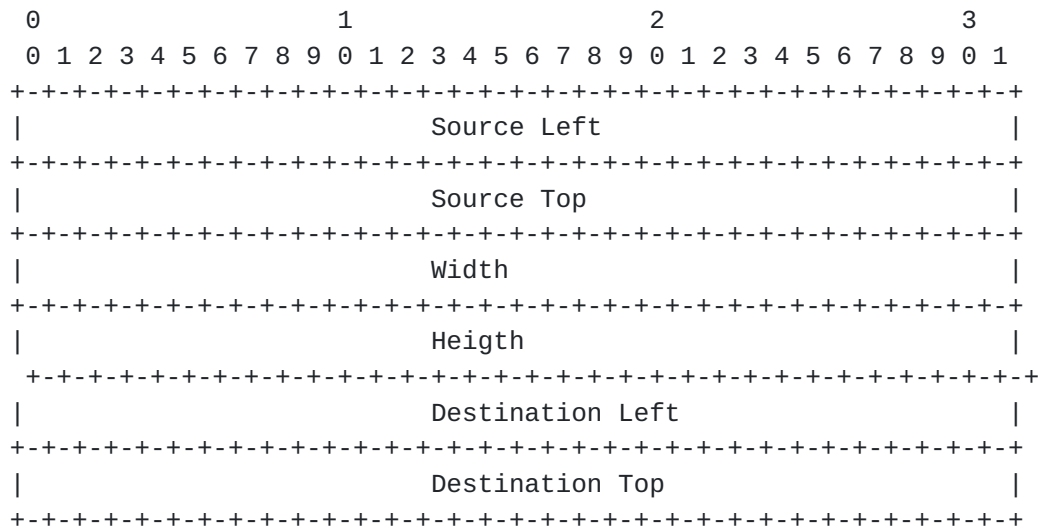


Figure 12: Message specific payload for move rectangle





#### **5.2.4. MousePointerInfo**

Some AHs MAY include the mouse pointer image inside the RegionUpdate messages. However, some AHs MAY choose to inform the participant about the mouse position and icon explicitly. If the RegionUpdate messages contain the mouse pointer icon, then the MousePointerInfo message is unnecessary. When receiving this message, the participant should draw the mouse pointer to the given position. This message carries a message specific payload. The format of this message is same as RegionUpdate message [Section 5.2.2](#) except they have different message types. The payload of MousePointerInfo message can be only the left and top coordinates. In this case, the participant MUST move the existing pointer image to the given coordinates. Payload MAY carry both the left and top coordinates and the new image of the mouse pointer. The participant MUST store and use this image until a new image arrives from the AH. If the AH uses MousePointerInfo messages, it MUST inform the late joiners about the current position and image of mouse pointer.

#### **5.3. Participant-to-AH Messages**

Participants using UDP can send two RTCP messages to the AH. Late-joiners MAY inform the AH using the "Picture loss indication (PLI)" message in order to receive a full screen update. For the missing packets, UDP participants MAY send a "NACK Request".

##### **5.3.1. Picture Loss Indication (PLI)**

"Picture Loss Indication (PLI)" message instructs the AH to generate a full screen update of the shared region. Before the full screen update, the AH will send a WindowManagerInfo message to inform the new participant about windows. Both TCP and UDP participants MAY transmit this message. The message format conforms to the "Picture Loss Indication (PLI)" [section 6.3.1 of \[RFC4585\]](#).

##### **5.3.2. NACK Request**

"NACK Request" message informs the AH about missing RTP packets. The message format conforms to the "Generic NACK" [section 6.2.1 of \[RFC4585\]](#). Multicast participants and AHs MAY take necessary precautions to prevent NACK storms such as waiting random amount of time before sending a "NACK Request" message.



**6. Human Interface Protocol (HIP)**

Participants MAY send human interface events to the AH in order to interact with the shared application.

**6.1. Payload Format**

**6.1.1. RTP Header Usage**

Marker Bit: The marker bit MUST be set to zero by the participant and ignored by the AH.

Timestamp: The RTP timestamp indicates when the keyboard or mouse event occurred at the participant. The RTP timestamp of HIP messages is based on a 90-kHz clock. The initial value of the timestamp MUST be random (unpredictable) to make known-plaintext attacks on encryption more difficult; see RTP [[RFC3550](#)].

The remaining RTP header fields are used as specified in [RFC 3550](#).

**6.1.2. Common remoting/HIP header**

All HIP messages carry the same common remoting/HIP header shown in Figure 7 and discussed in [Section 5.1.2](#). The WindowID parameter indicates the window where the keyboard or mouse event took place, i.e., the window that had keyboard or mouse focus.

The following HIP message types are defined:

| Value | Message Type    |
|-------|-----------------|
| 121   | MousePressed    |
| 122   | MouseReleased   |
| 123   | MouseMoved      |
| 124   | MouseWheelMoved |
| 125   | KeyPressed      |
| 126   | KeyReleased     |
| 127   | KeyTyped        |

Table 3: HIP Message Types



6.2. MousePressed

The MousePressed message instructs the AH to generate a mouse pressed event at the given coordinates of the screen. This message carries a message-type specific header. The "parameter" field of the common remoting/HIP header carries the mouse button information. The values of 1, 2 and 3 are defined for left, right, and middle button, respectively. The AH and participant MAY negotiate additional values for other mouse buttons. The AH MAY ignore unrecognized values.

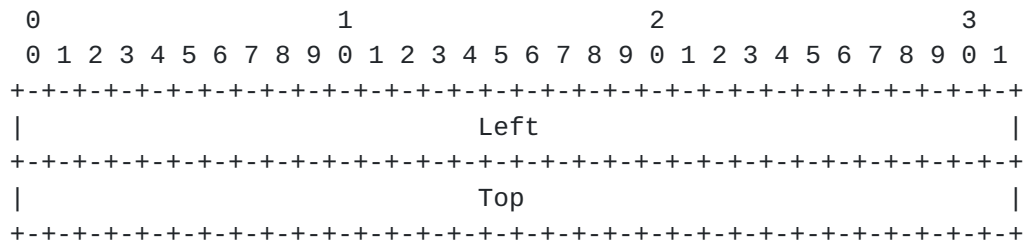


Figure 13: Message specific payload for mouse pressed

6.3. MouseReleased

The MouseReleased message instructs the AH to generate a mouse released event at the given coordinates of the screen. This message carries a message-type specific header. The "parameter" field of the common remoting/HIP header carries the mouse button information. The values of 1, 2 and 3 are defined for left, right, and middle button, respectively. Other values MAY be defined for other mouse buttons. The AH MAY ignore unrecognized values.

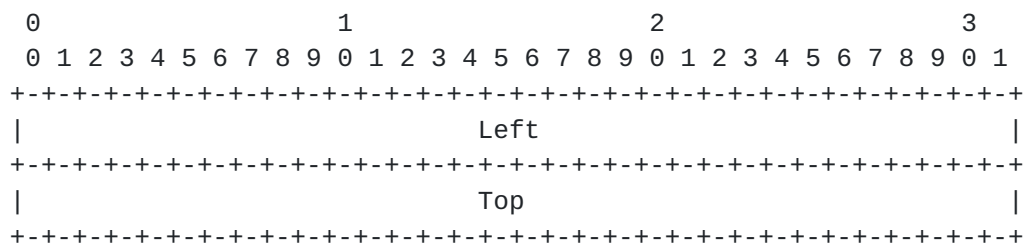


Figure 14: Message specific payload for mouse released

6.4. MouseMoved

The MouseMoved message instructs the AH to move the mouse pointer to the coordinates provided. This message carries a message-type specific header.



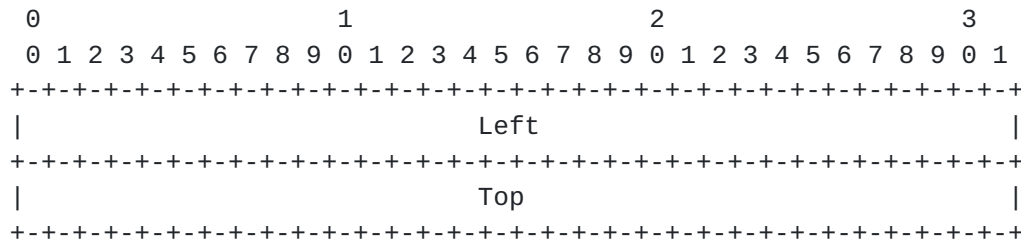


Figure 15: Message specific payload for mouse moved

### 6.5. MouseWheelMoved

The MouseWheelMoved message instructs the AH to generate a mouse wheel moved event at given coordinates of the screen. This message carries a message-type specific header. The "distance" field carries the wheel rotation amount as "120 \* (number of notches)". A mouse wheel has discrete, evenly spaced notches. When user rotates the wheel, a wheel message is sent to OS as each notch is encountered. The "distance" field does not carry number of notches in order to support a smooth-scrolling wheel. Instead, "distance" field carries each notch as 120. Some mice MAY only send multiples of 120, while a smooth-scrolling mouse MAY send any values. A positive value indicates that the wheel was rotated forward, away from the user; a negative value indicates that the wheel was rotated backward, toward the user. The negative values are transmitted using 2's complement method.

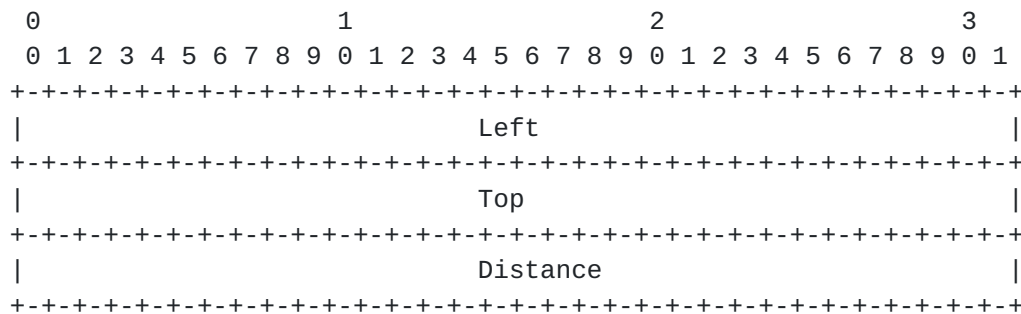


Figure 16: Message specific payload for mouse wheel moved

### 6.6. KeyPressed

The KeyPressed message instructs the AH to generate a "key pressed" event. This message carries a message-type specific header which consists of a 32 bit KeyCode. Java virtual keycodes are used and they are publicly available on the openJDK website [[keycodes](#)]. The actual values are inside the KeyEvent.java file. For example, F1 key is defined as "int VK\_F1 = 0x70;" in KeyEvent.java.





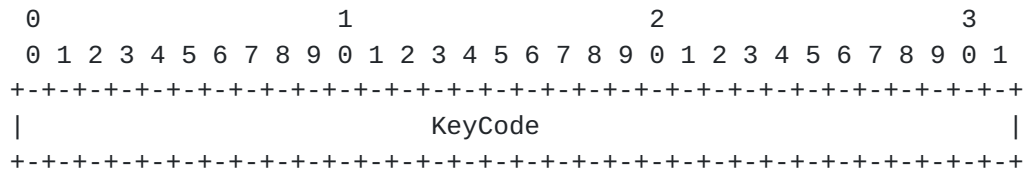


Figure 17: Message specific payload for key pressed

6.7. KeyReleased

The KeyReleased message instructs the AH to generate a "key released" event. This message carries a message-type specific header which consists of a 32 bit KeyCode. Java keycodes are used and they are publicly available at openJDK website [keycodes]. The actual values are inside the KeyEvent.java file. For example, F1 key is defined as "int VK\_F1 = 0x70;" in KeyEvent.java. A KeyReleased event for a key without a prior KeyPressed event for this key is acceptable.

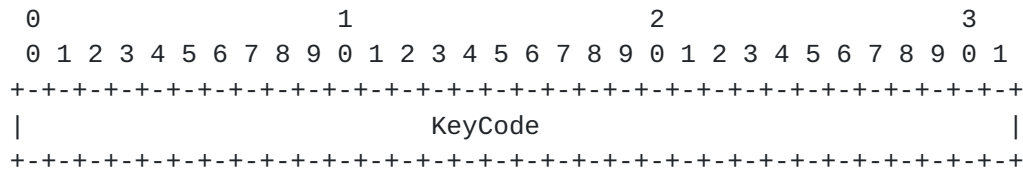


Figure 18: Message specific payload for key released

6.8. KeyTyped

KeyTyped message instructs the AH to inject some number of UTF-8 encoded characters into the operating systems input queue. This message carries a message specific payload. There is no padding for the UTF-8 string. The participant MUST send more than one KeyTyped message if the string does not fit into a single KeyTyped packet.

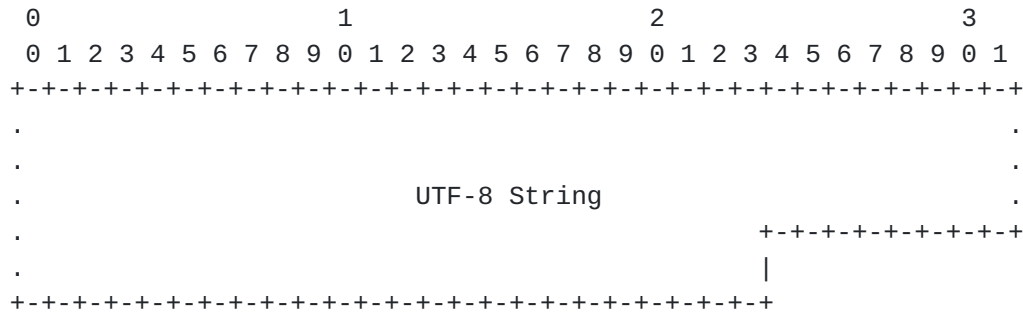


Figure 19: Message specific payload for key released



## [7.](#) **Implementation Notes**

Application hosts shouldn't blindly send every screen update they observed to the participants. Instead, they should monitor the state of their TCP transmission buffers (through mechanisms such as the `select()` command) and only send the most recent screen data when there is no backlog. This will prevent screen latency for rapidly-changing images, when a viewer usually only needs to see the final state of the image.

## **8. Security Considerations**

RTP packets using the payload format defined in this specification are subject to the security considerations discussed in the RTP specification [[RFC3550](#)].

Application sharing inherently exposes the shared applications to risks by malicious participants. They may, for example, access resources beyond the application itself, e.g., by installing or running scripts. It may be difficult to constrain access to specific user data, e.g., a specific set of slides, unless the user application can be sandboxed or run in some kind of "jail", with the sandbox control outside the view of the remoting protocol.



**9. IANA Considerations**

The IANA has created a new registry for Application and Desktop Sharing Parameters called "Application and Desktop Sharing parameters". This new registry has a number of subregistries which are described in the following sections.

**9.1. Remoting Message Types Subregistry**

This section establishes the Remoting Message Types subregistry under the Application and Desktop Sharing Parameters registry. As per the terminology in RFC 2434 [RFC2434], the registration policy for Remoting Message Types shall be "Specification Required". For the purposes of this subregistry, the Remoting Message Types for which IANA registration is requested MUST be defined by a standards-track RFC. Such an RFC MUST specify the Remoting Message Type's value, name, format, and semantics.

For each Remoting Message Type, the IANA registers its value, its name, and the reference to the RFC where the Remoting Message Type is defined. The following table contains the initial values of this subregistry.

| Value | Message Type      | Reference  |
|-------|-------------------|------------|
| 1     | WindowManagerInfo | [RFC nnnn] |
| 2     | RegionUpdate      | [RFC nnnn] |
| 3     | MoveRectangle     | [RFC nnnn] |
| 4     | MousePointerInfo  | [RFC nnnn] |

Table 4: Initial values of the Remoting Message Type subregistry

**9.2. HIP Message Types Subregistry**

This section establishes the HIP Message Types subregistry under the Application and Desktop Sharing Parameters registry. As per the terminology in RFC 2434 [RFC2434], the registration policy for HIP Message Types shall be "Specification Required". For the purposes of this subregistry, the HIP Message Types for which IANA registration is requested MUST be defined by a standards-track RFC. Such an RFC MUST specify the HIP Message Type's value, name, format, and semantics.



For each HIP Message Type, the IANA registers its value, its name, and the reference to the RFC where the HIP Message Type is defined. The following table contains the initial values of this subregistry.

| Value | Message Type    | Reference  |
|-------|-----------------|------------|
| 121   | MousePressed    | [RFC nnnn] |
| 122   | MouseReleased   | [RFC nnnn] |
| 123   | MouseMove       | [RFC nnnn] |
| 124   | MouseWheelMoved | [RFC nnnn] |
| 125   | KeyPressed      | [RFC nnnn] |
| 126   | KeyReleased     | [RFC nnnn] |
| 127   | KeyTyped        | [RFC nnnn] |

Table 5: Initial values of the HIP Message Type subregistry

### 9.3. Media Type Registrations

Following the guidelines in [RFC 4855](#) [[RFC4855](#)] and [RFC 4288](#) [[RFC4288](#)], this section registers new 'application' media subtypes for remoting and hip.

#### 9.3.1. Registrations of Media Type application/remoting

Type name: application

Subtype name: remoting

Required parameters:

rate: RTP timestamp clock rate, which is equal to the sampling rate. The typical rate is 90000; other rates may be specified.

retransmissions: Informs the participants whether the AH supports UDP retransmissions. The possible values are yes and no.





Optional parameters: none

Encoding considerations: This media type is framed binary data (see [RFC 4288, Section 4.8](#)).

Security considerations: See Section [Section 8](#) of RFC nnnn

Interoperability considerations: none

Published specification: RFC nnnn

Additional information: none

Person & email address to contact for further information: Omer Boyaci <boyaci@cs.columbia.edu> and Henning Schulzrinne <hgs@cs.columbia.edu>

Intended usage: COMMON

Restrictions on usage: This media type depends on RTP framing, and hence is only defined for transfer via RTP ([RFC 3550](#)). Transfer within other framing protocols is not defined at this time.

Applications that use this media type: Application and Desktop sharing tools. Remote tutoring tools.

Author: Omer Boyaci and Henning Schulzrinne

Change controller: IETF Audio/Video Transport working group delegated from the IESG.

### **[9.3.2](#). Registrations of Media Type application/hip**

Type name: application

Subtype name: hip

Required parameters:

rate: RTP timestamp clock rate, which is equal to the sampling rate. The typical rate is 90000; other rates may be specified.

Optional parameters: none

Encoding considerations: This media type is framed binary data (see [RFC 4288, Section 4.8](#)).



Security considerations: See Section [Section 8](#) of RFC nnnn

Interoperability considerations: none

Published specification: RFC nnnn

Additional information: none

Person & email address to contact for further information: Omer Boyaci <boyaci@cs.columbia.edu> and Henning Schulzrinne <hgs@cs.columbia.edu>

Intended usage: COMMON

Restrictions on usage: This media type depends on RTP framing, and hence is only defined for transfer via RTP ([RFC 3550](#)). Transfer within other framing protocols is not defined at this time.

Applications that use this media type: Application and Desktop sharing tools.

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## **10. Mapping to the Session Description Protocol (SDP)**

The information carried in this payload format has a specific mapping to fields in the Session Description Protocol (SDP) [[RFC4566](#)], which is commonly used to describe RTP sessions. When SDP is used to specify sessions, the mappings are as follows:

### **10.1. Mapping remoting Media Type Parameters into SDP**

The media type ("application") is carried in the SDP m= attribute as the media name.

The media subtype ("remoting") is carried in the SDP a=rtpmap as the encoding name.

The parameter "rate" is carried in the SDP a=rtpmap attribute as the clock rate.

The mandated parameter "retransmissions" MUST be included in the SDP a=fmtp attribute.

### **10.2. Mapping hip Media Type Parameters into SDP**

The media type ("application") is carried in the SDP m= attribute as the media name.

The media subtype ("hip") is carried in the SDP a=rtpmap attribute as the encoding name.

The parameter "rate" is carried in the SDP a=rtpmap attribute as the clock rate.

### **10.3. SDP Example**

The following example shows an example SDP usage. This SDP message is from AH to participant. The HIP stream and BFCP session are associated with each other via "label" and "m-stream" attributes according to SDP Format for BFCP Streams [[RFC4583](#)]. This SDP message informs the participant that AH supports both TCP and UDP for remoting. The AH supports UDP retransmissions, so participants MAY send NACK requests for missing packets. The port numbers MUST be same if AH is remoting the same content over both TCP and UDP. In this example, AH is sending the same content from port 6000. It is possible that AH may have more than one remoting session, in this case each session MUST use different port numbers.



```
m=application 50000 TCP/BFCP *
a=floorid:0 m-stream:10
m=application 6000 RTP/AVP 99
a=rtpmap:99 remoting/90000
a=fmtp: retransmissions=yes
m=application 6000 TCP/RTP/AVP 99
a=rtpmap:99 remoting/90000
m=application 6006 TCP/RTP/AVP 100
a=rtpmap:99 hip/90000
a=label:10
```





**Appendix A. Using BFCP for Application and Desktop Sharing**

Application and desktop sharing tools MAY utilize Binary Floor Control Protocol (BFCP) [[RFC4582](#)] for managing the ownership of AH's human interface devices (HID).

BFCP defines several messages, but only five of them is a MUST for Application and Desktop Sharing, namely "Floor Request", "Floor Release", "Floor Granted", "Floor Released" and "Floor Request Queued".

In Application and Desktop Sharing context, the floor is the AH's HIDs. In this context, it is possible that the AH MAY temporarily block HID events without revoking the floor control. For example, the AH MAY temporarily block HID events if the shared application loses the focus or is covered by a non-shared application. The AH informs the current floor holder about the status of HIDs via STATUS-INFO attribute of "Floor Granted" messages. The participant MAY receive several "Floor Granted" messages with different "HID Status" values. Participant applications MAY inform the user about current "HID Status". HID Status values are 16-bit unsigned values and are defined as:

| Value | Status                 |
|-------|------------------------|
| 0     | STATE_NOT_ALLOWED      |
| 1     | STATE_KEYBOARD_ALLOWED |
| 2     | STATE_MOUSE_ALLOWED    |
| 3     | STATE_ALL_ALLOWED      |

Figure 20: HID Status Values



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