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**Abstract**

This document defines how to use the WebRTC Data Channel mechanism, together with the Data Channel Establishment Protocol (DCEP) in order to establish a data channel, referred to as CLUE Data Channel, for transporting CLUE protocol messages between two CLUE entities.

The document defines the SCTP considerations specific to a CLUE Data Channel, the SDP offer/answer procedures for negotiating the establishment of, and the DCEP procedures for opening, a CLUE Data Channel.

Details and procedures associated with the CLUE protocol are outside the scope of this document.

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## [1.](#) Introduction

This document defines how to use the WebRTC Data Channel mechanism [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-channel](#)], together with the Data Channel Establishment Protocol (DCEP) [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-protocol](#)] in order to establish a data channel, referred to as CLUE Data Channel,

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for transporting CLUE protocol [[I-D.presta-clue-protocol](#)] messages between CLUE entities.

The document defines the SCTP considerations specific to a CLUE Data Channel, the SDP offer/answer [[RFC3264](#)] procedures for negotiating the establishment of, and the DCEP procedures for opening, a CLUE Data Channel.

Details and procedures associated with the CLUE protocol are outside the scope of this document.

## 2. Conventions

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 [BCP 14](#), [RFC 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

WebRTC Data Channel refers to a SCTPoDTLS association [[I-D.ietf-tsvwg-sctp-dtls-encaps](#)] that is used to transport non-media data between two entities, according to the procedures in [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-channel](#)].

CLUE Data Channel refers to a WebRTC Data Channel [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-channel](#)], with a specific set of SCTP characteristics, and usage of the Data Channel Establishment Protocol (DCEP) [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-protocol](#)] in order to open a WebRTC Data Channel for the purpose of transporting CLUE protocol [[I-D.presta-clue-protocol](#)] messages between two CLUE entities.

CLUE entity refers to a SIP User Agent (UA) [[RFC3261](#)] that supports the CLUE Data Channel and the CLUE protocol.

CLUE session refers to a SIP session [[RFC3261](#)] between to SIP UAs, where a CLUE Data Channel, associated with the SIP session, has been established between the SIP UAs.

[RFC4960] defines an SCTP stream as a unidirectional logical channel established from one to another associated SCTP endpoint, within which all user messages are delivered in sequence except for those submitted to the unordered delivery service.

[RFC4960] defines an SCTP identifier as a unsigned integer, which identifies a SCTP stream.



### **3. CLUE Data Channel**

#### **3.1. General**

This section describes the realization of a CLUE Data Channel. This includes a set of SCTP characteristics specific to a CLUE Data Channel, and usage of the Data Channel Establishment Protocol (DCEP) [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-protocol](#)] in order to open a WebRTC Data Channel for the purpose of transporting CLUE protocol [[I-D.presta-clue-protocol](#)] messages between two CLUE entities.

As described in [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-channel](#)], the SCTP streams realizing a WebRTC Data Channel must be associated with the same SCTP association. In addition, both SCTP streams realizing the WebRTC Data Channel must use the same SCTP stream identifier value. These rules also apply to a CLUE Data Channel.

Within a given CLUE session, a CLUE entity MUST use a single CLUE Data Channel for transport of all CLUE messages towards its peer.

#### **3.2. Data Channel Establishment Protocol (DCEP) Usage**

A CLUE entity MUST use the Data Channel Establishment Protocol (DCEP) [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-channel](#)], in order to open a CLUE Data Channel.

The details of the DCEP usage with a CLUE Data Channel are described in section X.X.X.

#### **3.3. SCTP Considerations**

##### **3.3.1. SCTP Payload Protocol Identifier (PPID)**

As described in [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-protocol](#)], the PPID value 50 is used when sending a DCEP message on a WebRTC Data Channel.

A CLUE entity MUST use the PPID value 51 when sending a CLUE message on a CLUE Data Channel.

NOTE: As described in [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-channel](#)], the PPID value 51 indicates that the SCTP message contains data encoded in a UTF-8 format. The PPID value 51 does not indicate what application protocol is transported in a WebRTC Data Channel, only the format in which the data is encoded.



+-----+-----+		
Protocol	PPID Value	
+-----+-----+		
DCEP	50	
CLUE	51	
+-----+-----+		

Table 1: CLUE Data Channel PPID Values

### 3.3.2. Reliability

The usage of SCTP for the CLUE Data Channel ensures reliable transport of CLUE protocol [[I-D.presta-clue-protocol](#)] messages.

NOTE: [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-channel](#)] requires the support of the partial reliability extension defined in [[RFC3758](#)]. This is not needed for a CLUE Data Channel, as messages are required to always be sent reliably. [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-channel](#)] also mandates support of the limited retransmission policy defined in [[I-D.tuexen-tsvwg-sctp-prpolicies](#)].

### 3.3.3. Order

A CLUE entity MUST use the ordered delivery SCTP service, as described in [section 6.6 of \[RFC2960\]](#).

### 3.3.4. Stream Reset

A CLUE entity MUST support the stream reset extension defined in [[RFC6525](#)].

The dynamic address reconfiguration extension defined in [[RFC5061](#)] MUST be used to signal the support of the stream reset extension defined in [[RFC6525](#)]. Other features of [[RFC5061](#)] MUST NOT be used.

### 3.3.5. Interleaving

A CLUE entity MUST support the message interleaving mechanism defined in [[I-D.stewart-tsvwg-sctp-ndata](#)].

### 3.3.6. SCTP Multihoming

SCTP multihoming cannot be used for a CLUE Data Channel.

NOTE: SCTPoDTLS does not support SCTP multihoming.



## **4. CLUE Data Channel Procedures**

### **4.1. Open CLUE Data Channel**

Once the SCTP association, to be used to realized the CLUE Data Channel, has been established, the offerer [[RFC3264](#)] is responsible for opening the CLUE Data Channel. The offerer MUST send a DCEP DATA\_CHANNEL\_OPEN message [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-protocol](#)]. The value of the 'protocol' field MUST be "CLUE".

NOTE: A new 'protocol' value for CLUE needs to be registered with IANA in the 'Protocol Registry' defined by [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-protocol](#)].

Once the offerer has received the associated DCEP DATA\_CHANNEL\_ACK message [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-protocol](#)], the CLUE Data channel has been opened.

If the Offerer receives a DCEP DATA\_CHANNEL\_OPEN message, for the purpose of opening a CLUE Data Channel, the offerer MUST reset the SCTP stream, in order to prevent two CLUE Data Channels from being established within the same CLUE session. The offerer MUST NOT send a DCEP DATA\_CHANNEL\_ACK message.

### **4.2. Close CLUE Data Channel**

DCEP [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-protocol](#)] does not define a message for closing a WebRTC Data Channel. Instead, in order to close a CLUE Data Channel, a SCTP reset message is sent, in order to close the SCTP stream associated with the CLUE Data Channel. The SCTP association, and WebRTC Data Channels associated with other SCTP streams, are not affected by the SCTP reset message.

Section X.X.X describes how to terminate the SCTP association used for the CLUE data channel.

### **4.3. SCTP Association Failure**

In case of SCTP association failure, the offerer is responsible for trying to re-establish the SCTP association (including sending a new SDP offer, if needed). Once the SCTP association has been successfully re-established, the offerer is responsible for sending a DCEP DATA\_CHANNEL\_OPEN message.



## 5. SDP Offer/Answer Procedures

### 5.1. General

This section describes how an SDP media description ("m=") line describing a SCTPoDTLS association, to be used to realize a CLUE Data Channel, is created, and how it is used in SDP offers and answers [RFC3264].

NOTE: The procedures associated with creating an "m=" line describing media (e.g. audio and video) for a CLUE session are outside the scope of this document.

OPEN ISSUE (Q1): It is FFS whether the SDP-based WebRTC Data Channel Negotiation mechanism [I-D.ejzak-dispatch-webrtc-data-channel-sdpneg] will be used with the CLUE Data Channel. It depends on whether the draft will progress in MMUSIC, and whether it will be finalized before the publication of the CLUE mechanism.

OPEN ISSUE (Q2): As the SDP offer/answer procedures are generic to SCTPoDTLS association, it is FFS whether we need to specify them, or whether we can simply refer to Salvatore's draft.

### 5.2. SDP Media Description Fields

The field values of the "m=" line for the SCTPoDTLS association are set as following:

media	port	proto	fmt
"applicationS	DTLS port	"UDP/TLS/UDPTL"	SCTP port
	value		value

Table 2: SDP "proto" field values

### 5.3. SDP sctpmap Attribute

The field values of the SDP sctpmap attribute, associated with the "m=" line describing the SCTPoDTLS association, are set as following:



+-----+-----+
sctpmap-number   app
+-----+-----+
fmt value of the "m=" line   "webrtc-datachannel"
+-----+-----+

Table 3: SDP "proto" field values

#### 5.4. SDP Offerer Procedures

The procedures for the offerer follow the normal procedures defined in [\[RFC3264\]](#).

When the offerer creates an offer, which contains an "m=" line describing a SCTPoDTLS association, it assigns the field values to the "m=" line according to the procedures in [Section 5.2](#). In addition, the offerer MUST insert an SDP sctpmap attribute associated with the "m=" line.

In an offer, the offerer MUST NOT insert more than one "m=" line describing an SCTPoDTLS association to be used to realize a CLUE Data Channel.

If an offerer, in a subsequent offer, wants to disable the CLUE Data Channel, it assigns a zero port value to the "m=" line describing the SCTPoDTLS association used to realize the CLUE Data Channel.

#### 5.5. SDP Answerer Procedures

The procedures for the answerer follow the normal procedures defined in [\[RFC3264\]](#).

If the answerer receives an offer, which contains an "m=" line describing a SCTPoDTLS association, and the answerer accepts the "m=" line, it inserts an "m=" line in the corresponding answer, and assigns the "m=" line field values according to the procedures in [Section 4.2](#).

If the answerer receives an offer, which contains an "m=" line describing a SCTPoDTLS association, and the answerer does not accept the "m=" line, it inserts an "m=" line in the corresponding answer, and assigns a zero port value to the "m=" line, according to the procedures in [\[RFC3264\]](#).

If the answerer receives an offer, in which a zero port value has been assigned to an "m=" line describing the SCTPoDTLS association, it inserts an "m=" line in the corresponding answer, and assigns a



zero port value to the "m=" line, according to the procedures in [\[RFC3264\]](#)

OPEN ISSUE (Q3): We need to determine whether an "m=" line describing an SCTPoDTLS association can be used together with bundle-only, in which case there will be cases where an offer with a zero port value will create a corresponding answer with a non-zero port value.

### **5.6. Example**

```
m=application 54111 SCTP/DTLS 54111
a=sctpmap:54111 webrtc-datachannel
```

Figure 1: SDP Media Description for a CLUE Data Channel

## **6. Security Considerations**

This specification does not introduce new security considerations, in addition to those defined in [\[ref-to-data-channel\]](#) and [\[ref-to-data-protocol\]](#). Security considerations associated with the CLUE protocol are defined in [\[ref-to-clue-protocol\]](#).

## **7. IANA Considerations**

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## **8. Acknowledgments**

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- o Editorial changes, and alignments caused by changes in referenced specifications.

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