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**Multiplexed Media Types (MMT) Using Session Description Protocol (SDP)  
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Abstract

This specification defines a new SDP Grouping Framework SDP grouping framework extension, "MMT", and a new SDP media type, "anymedia". Together they can be used with the Session Description Protocol (SDP) Offer/Answer mechanism to negotiate the usage of multiplexed media types, which refers to the usage of a single 5-tuple for different media types.

This specification also defined a new SDP attribute, "mmttype", which can be used within a "anymedia" SDP Media Description to map PT (Payload Type) values to a specific media type.

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## **1. Introduction**

In the IETF RTCWEB WG, a need to use a single 5-tuple for sending and receiving media associated with multiple SDP Media Descriptions [RFC4566] has been identified. This would e.g. allow the usage of a single set of Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) [RFC5245] candidates for multiple media descriptions. Normally different media types (audio, video etc) will be described using different SDP Media Descriptions.

As defined in RFC 4566 [RFC4566], the semantics of using the same port number for multiple SDP Media Descriptions is undefined. Therefore, in order to be able to use the same port value for multiple media types, it must be possible to describe multiple media types within a single SDP Media Description.

This specification defines a new SDP Grouping Framework SDP grouping framework [RFC5888] extension, "MMT", and a new SDP media type, "anymedia". Together they can be used with the Session Description Protocol (SDP) Offer/Answer mechanism [RFC3264] to negotiate the usage of multiplexed media types, which refers to the usage of a single 5-tuple for different media types.

This specification also defined a new SDP attribute, "mmtype", which can be used within a "anymedia" SDP Media Description to map PT (Payload Type) values to a specific media type.

When an endpoint generates an SDP Offer or SDP Answer, which includes one or more "MMT" groups, each group will contain one "anymedia" SDP Media Description and one or more SDP Media Descriptions for specific media types (audio, video, etc).

When media is transported using the Real-Time Protocol (RTP) [RFC3550], each SDP Media Description is assumed to form a separate RTP Session [RFC3550]. The same applies to media associated with a "anymedia" SDP Media Description, ie all media types associated with a "anymedia" SDP Media Description is by default assumed to form a single RTP Session.

The mechanism is backward compatible. Entities that do not support (or, for a given session, are not willing to use) the "MMT" grouping extension and the "anymedia" media type, are expected to generate an SDP Answer, which does not contain a "MMT" group, and where the "anymedia" SDP Media Description is rejected.



## **2. 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](#)].

5-tuple: A collection of the following values: source address, source port, destination address, destination port and protocol.

Multiplexed media types: Two or more RTP streams, possibly of different media types, using a single 5-tuple. The RTCP streams associated with the RTP streams also use a single 5-tuple, which might be the same, but can also be different, as the one used by the RTP streams.

## **3. 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](#)].

## **4. Applicability Statement**

The mechanism in this specification only applies to the Session Description Protocol (SDP) [[RFC4566](#)], when used together with the SDP Offer/Answer mechanism [[RFC3264](#)].

## **5. SDP Grouping Framework MMT Extension Semantics**

### **5.1. General**

This section defines a new SDP Grouping Framework extension, "MMT".

The "MMT" extension can be indicated using a "group" SDP session-level attribute. Each SDP Media Description ("m=" line) that is grouped together, using a "mid" SDP media-level attribute, is part of a specific "MMT" group.

A "MMT" group is not usable standalone. It MUST be used together with a "anymedia" SDP Media Description.



## **5.2. Usage**

### **5.2.1. General**

A "MMT" group MUST contain a "anymedia" SDP Media Description, and at least one SDP Media Description for a specific SDP Media Type (audio, video, etc).

An SDP Offerer [[RFC3264](#)] uses the "MMT" group to offer at least one SDP Media Description for specific SDP Media Types, and a "anymedia" SDP Media Description, which can contain multiple SDP Media Types sharing a single SDP Media Description. From a "MMT" group the SDP Answerer [[RFC3264](#)] will accept either the SDP Media Descriptions for the specific SDP Media Types, or the "anymedia" SDP Media Description.

It is RECOMMENDED that the capabilities of the "anymedia" SDP Media Description match the capabilities (codecs, RTCP multiplexing etc) of the SDP Media Descriptions for the specific SDP Media Types, in order to provide the same capabilities no matter whether SDP Media Descriptions for specific SDP Media Types, or the "anymedia" SDP Media Description, is used to establish the session.

NOTE: An SDP Message Body can contain multiple "MMT" groups.

### **5.2.2. SDP Offer/Answer Usage**

#### **5.2.2.1. SDP Offerer Procedures**

When an SDP Offerer generates an SDP Offer, which contains one or more "MMT" groups, for each "MMT" group the SDP Offerer MUST:

- 1) Include a "anymedia" SDP Media Description; and
- 2) Include at least one SDP Media Description for a specific media type (audio, video, etc).

#### **5.2.2.2. SDP Answerer Procedures**

When an SDP Answerer generates an SDP Answer, for each "MMT" group in the associated SDP Offer it MUST either:

- 1) Accept the "anymedia" SDP Media Description, and reject all other SDP Media Descriptions associated with the "MMT" group; or
- 2) Reject the "anymedia" SDP Media Description, and accept some or all of the other SDP Media Descriptions associated with the MMT group.





NOTE: As described in [[RFC3264](#)], an SDP Media Description can be rejected by setting the port value of the associated m- line to zero in the SDP Answer.

NOTE: As described in [[RFC3264](#)] the SDP Answer must contain the same number of SDP Media Descriptions as the associated SDP Offer.

## **6. anymedia SDP Media Type**

### **6.1. General**

This section describes a new SDP media type [[RFC4566](#)], "anymedia", for SDP Media Descriptions [[RFC4566](#)]. "anymedia" does not refer to a specific media type, but allows multiple media types (audio, video etc) to be associated with a single SDP Media Description. All media associated with a "anymedia" SDP Media Description will share the same IP address+port, protocol (e.g. RTP/AVP) and other information (e.g. ICE candidates) associated with the SDP Media Description. It allows, if both endpoints support the mechanism, multiple media types to be multiplexed on a single 5-tuple. PT (Payload Type) values will be listed in a normal fashion in the format list of the SDP Media Description. The SDP rtpmap attribute [[RFC4566](#)] will be used in a normal fashion to map each PT to a codec, and the SDP mtype attribute will be used to map each PT to a specific media type (e.g. audio, video, etc).

Within a "anymedia" SDP Media Description, each PT value SHOULD be described using an "rtpmap" SDP Attribute [[RFC4566](#)], even if the PT value is static. In addition, as it might not always be possible to retrieve the media type from the "rtpmap" SDP Attribute value, each PT value MUST be mapped to a specific media type, using the "mtype" SDP Attribute.

### **6.2. SDP Extensions**

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### **6.3. SDP Attributes**

In a normal fashion, any media level SDP Attribute (e.g. the directionality attributes) associated with the "anymedia" SDP Media Description applies to all media associated with the SDP Media Description.

NOTE: Additional extensions are needed in order to specify SDP Attribute values for individual media types, or individual media



sources, associated with the "anymedia" SDP Media Description.

#### **6.4. Bandwidth**

The SDP bandwidth parameter, `b=`, is used in a normal fashion, as described in [\[RFC4566\]](#)

NOTE: Additional extensions are needed in order to specify SDP Bandwidth values for individual media types, and for a specific media direction.

#### **6.5. ICE Usage**

ICE [\[RFC5245\]](#), if supported, will be used in a normal fashion, and the ICE Candidate information will apply to all media types associated with the "anymedia" SDP Media Description.

#### **6.6. RTP Sessions**

By default, all media associated with a "anymedia" SDP Media Description is considered to be part of a single RTP Session [\[RFC3550\]](#).

### **7. mtype SDP attribute**

#### **7.1. General**

This section defines a new SDP media level attribute [\[RFC4566\]](#), "mtype" (Multiplexed Media Type). The attribute is used within "anymedia" SDP Media Descriptions to indicate the media type associated with a specific PT value.

#### **7.2. Syntax**

`a=mtype: format media`

format and media as defined in [\[RFC4566\]](#).

#### **7.3. Usage**

##### **7.3.1. General**

The attribute is used within "anymedia" SDP Media Descriptions to indicate the media type associated with a specific PT value. This specification does not define the usage of the attribute within other types of SDP Media Descriptions.



For each instance of the "mtype" attribute, the associated PT value MUST also be listed in the format list of the associated SDP m- line. Within a given SDP Media Description, there MUST only be one 'mtype' attribute associated with a given PT value. An entity MUST either reject or discard an SDP Media Description that contains 'mtype' attributes with PT values not listed in the associated m- line. An entity MUST either reject or discard an SDP Media Description that contains multiple 'mtype' attributes for the same PT value.

### **7.3.2. SDP Offer/Answer Usage**

There are no SDP Offer/Answer specific procedures defined for the "mtype" SDP attribute.

## **8. Security Considerations**

TBA

## **9. Example**

The example below shows an SDP Offer, where multiplexed media types is offered. The example also shows two SDP Answer alternatives: one where multiplexed media types is accepted, and one where multiplexed media types is rejected (or, not even supported) by the SDP Answerer.

SDP Offer (multiplexed media types offered)

```
v=0
o=alice 2890844526 2890844526 IN IP4 host.atlanta.com
s=
c=IN IP4 host.atlanta.com
t=0 0
a=group:MMT foo bar zoe
m=audio 10000 RTP/AVP 0 8 97
a=mid:foo
b=AS:200
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
a=rtpmap:8 PCMA/8000
a=rtpmap:97 iLBC/8000
m=video 20000 RTP/AVP 31 32
a=mid:bar
b=AS:1000
a=rtpmap:31 H261/90000
a=rtpmap:32 MPV/90000
m=anymedia 30000 RTP/AVP 0 8 97 31 32
a=mid:zoe
```



```
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
a=rtpmap:8 PCMA/8000
a=rtpmap:97 iLBC/8000
a=rtpmap:31 H261/90000
a=rtpmap:32 MPV/90000
a=mmtype: 0 audio
a=mmtype: 8 audio
a=mmtype: 97 audio
a=mmtype: 31 video
a=mmtype: 32 video
```

SDP Answer (multiplexed media types accepted)

```
v=0
o=bob 2808844564 2808844564 IN IP4 host.biloxi.com
s=
c=IN IP4 host.biloxi.com
t=0 0
a=group:MMT foo bar
m=audio 0 RTP/AVP 0
a=mid:foo
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
m=video 0 RTP/AVP 32
a=mid:bar
a=rtpmap:32 MPV/90000
m=anymedia 60000 RTP/AVP 0 32
a=mid:zoe
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
a=rtpmap:32 MPV/90000
a=mmtype: 0 audio
a=mmtype: 32 video
```

SDP Answer (multiplexed media types not accepted)

```
v=0
o=bob 2808844564 2808844564 IN IP4 host.biloxi.com
s=
c=IN IP4 host.biloxi.com
t=0 0
a=group:MMT foo bar
m=audio 40000 RTP/AVP 0
a=mid:foo
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
m=video 50000 RTP/AVP 32
a=mid:bar
a=rtpmap:32 MPV/90000
m=anymedia 0 RTP/AVP 0 32
```





a=mid:zoe

SDP Offer with ICE (multiplexed media types offered)

```
v=0
o=alice 2890844526 2890844526 IN IP4 host.atlanta.com
s=
c=IN IP4 host.atlanta.com
t=0 0
a=group:MMT foo bar zoe
m=audio 10000 RTP/AVP 0 8 97
a=mid:foo
b=AS:200
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
a=rtpmap:8 PCMA/8000
a=rtpmap:97 iLBC/8000
a=candidate:1 1 UDP 1694498815 host.atlanta.com 10000 typ host
m=video 20000 RTP/AVP 31 32
a=mid:bar
b=AS:1000
a=rtpmap:31 H261/90000
a=rtpmap:32 MPV/90000
a=candidate:1 1 UDP 1694498815 host.atlanta.com 20000 typ host
m=anymedia 30000 RTP/AVP 0 8 97 31 32
a=mid:zoe
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
a=rtpmap:8 PCMA/8000
a=rtpmap:97 iLBC/8000
a=rtpmap:31 H261/90000
a=rtpmap:32 MPV/90000
a=mmtype: 0 audio
a=mmtype: 8 audio
a=mmtype: 97 audio
a=mmtype: 31 video
a=mmtype: 32 video
a=candidate:1 1 UDP 1694498815 host.atlanta.com 30000 typ host
```

## **10. IANA Considerations**

This document requests IANA to register the new SDP Grouping semantic extension called MMT.



## **11. Acknowledgements**

The usage of the SDP grouping mechanism is based on a similar alternative proposed by Harald Alvestrand. The SDP examples are also modified versions from the ones in the Alvestrand proposal.

The usage of a dedicated SDP media type to described multiplexed media types types is based on input from Jonathan Lennox.

## **12. Change Log**

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