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Abstract

The issue concerns auditing financial records from several sources over time. To validate proper legal money usage and flow is a difficult task. Each financial institution has non-common reporting methods. Seek to create a common export record to merge transactions and easily sort by date , time , and institution. The first goal is to create a traceability file of transactions. The second goal is to create a "simple" standard record for "anyone" to sift and sort records.

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1. Introduction

Audit Financial Records

Each day numerous financial records and transactions occur. People are put in charge as guardians or trustees for the young or old , who cannot handle their own affairs. Additional people may be called upon after the fact to validate and audit prior actions.

All financial institutions have unique and different reporting methods. There is no single tool or method to extract a "common" data format. Institution A may have PDF files , Institution B may have XLS files. Institution C may only have paper reports. To sow these records together is a large manual task. The man is working for the machine.

Eliminate having the user reinventing the wheel each time an audit is required , or manually key stroking data. Automate the process of gathering data into a uniform method.

Current Audit Process To Get Records

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|
|      /=====/      /=====/      /=====/      /=====/
|      /YEAR n/      /YEAR n/      /YEAR n/      /YEAR n/
|      / ... /      / ... /      / ... /      / ... /
|      /YEAR 3/      /YEAR 3/      /YEAR 3/      /YEAR 3/
|      /YEAR 2/      /YEAR 2/      /YEAR 2/      /YEAR 2/
|      /YEAR 1/      /YEAR 1/      /YEAR 1/      /YEAR 1/
| |=====| |=====| |=====| |=====| /
| | INST. | | INST. | | INST. | | INST. | /
| |  A    | |  B    | |  C    | |  D    | /
| |      | / |      | / |      | / |      | /
| | BANK | / | BANK | / | STOCK | / | SS   | /
| |=====| |=====| |=====| |=====|
| |      | |      | |      | |      |
| |  V    | |  V    | |  V    | |  V    |
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| =====
| ===== Gather Record Sets =====
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|      |
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| #####
| #          #
| #   AUDIT   #
| #  PROCESS  #
| #          #
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Audit Process

Gather records , filter records , add records to a computer file.
 Analyze the data , look for patterns. Report the findings.

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2. Conventions used in this document

In examples, "C:" and "S:" indicate lines sent by the client and server respectively.

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](#)].

In this document, these words will appear with that interpretation only when in ALL CAPS. Lower case uses of these words are not to be interpreted as carrying significance described in [RFC 2119](#).

In this document, the characters ">>" preceding an indented line(s) indicates a statement using the key words listed above. This convention aids reviewers in quickly identifying or finding the portions of this RFC covered by these keywords.

3. Explain New Record Type and Function

Create common record for any user.

Target the intended audience !

Think as a non-computer expert. Think of non-computer people that do jobs ; such as accounting , law enforcement , lawyers , judges , banks , credit unions , estate management , and family relatives. Think of simple computer users that who want to manipulate data. There are numerous standards for computer data , e.g. iCal , vCard.

A common record type for auditing financial transactions is needed. A record that will span time , time zones , dates and currencies.

If there is a set of records from Instution A , and another set from Instution B. Each will provide data that points back to the other instution.

Record set:

Record Owner A has Affiliate B
 (source points forward to destination)
Record Owner B has Affiliate A
 (destination points back to source)

Records should net out.

The left side of the handshake is always the record owner , the right side is always the affiliate.

The record is a constant format , only the handshake flag flips direction to indicate source and destination.

Who owns the record ? The reporting instution is the record owner of the data. The affiliate is the other half of the transaction. How did the money move in or out and by what method ?

This new proposed record will show the process and direction of how the money moved. All the data should be available in today's environment.

The audit question is: Where did the cash go ?

Explain Audit Steps and Flags					
		Handshake Flag			
		Gain or Loss Flag			
Record Owner	Owner			Affiliate	Affiliate
Instution	Account			Instution	Account
Number	Number	VV	VV	Number	Number
----09-----	----10-----	11	12	-----13-----	----14-----
12345678	acc12345678	=>	-1	99997777	acc99997777
99997777	acc99997777	<=	+1	12345678	acc12345678

Constant record format from the record owner provides:

- The instution numbers crisscross:
fields (09,10) crisscross fields (13,14)
for a given transaction (GUID).
- The Handshake Flags (11) nets out.
The source always points to the destination.
- The Gain Loss Flags (12) net out.
- Since this netted out and both instutions are known - assume proper money flow.
- If there are extra unexplained transactions at the destination or a missing destination then further investigation is required.
- Get additional accounts and records as needed.

4. Prototype Data

Below are several screens (RFC ASCII figures) that display a potential solution. Each record has date and time stamp information and other data. The key is to have the creator of the record as the first institution (left). Then the affiliate institution (right) as the handshake. Each transaction has an initiator and a receiver. If both institutions create the same format record, it becomes a simple crisscross reference match.

This is a prototype of record layout names:

Counter - Field Name

- 01 - Record Type
- 02 - Date
- 03 - Time
- 04 - AM or PM indicator
- 05 - Zone
- 06 - UTC
- 07 - UTC Offset
- 08 - Day Name
- 09 - GUID
- 10 - Record Owner
- 11 - Record Owner Account Number
- 12 - Handshake Flag
- 13 - Gain/Loss Flag
- 14 - Record Affiliate
- 15 - Record Affiliate Account Number
- 16 - Transaction Type
- 17 - Transaction Sub Type
- 18 - Teller ID / Station ID
- 19 - Amount of Transaction
- 20 - Currency Code
- 21 - Country and Currency
- 22 - DUNS
- 23 - Name
- 24 - Street/PO Box
- 25 - City
- 26 - State/Province
- 27 - Country
- 28 - ZIP/Postal Code
- 29 - Comment
- 30 - End of Record Marker (FX)

RFC ASCII figure A.1 Data Examples

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+-----+
| Four (4) sets of examples over next five (5) pages. |
| |
| |
| R T O |
| e y f |
| c p Z f |
| o e o U s |
| r AM n T e Day |
| d Date Time PM e UTC C t Name |
| |
| -01- ----02---- --03---- 04 05- ---06--- 07- ----08--- |
| AUKC 2019-01-31 14:45:59 PM CDT 20:45:59 +06 Thursday |
| AUKC 2019-02-01 04:01:00 AM CDT 10:01:00 +06 Friday |
| This shows the transactions netted out. |
| |
| AUKC 2019-01-22 15:53:11 PM CST 21:53:11 +06 Tuesday |
| AUKC 2019-01-23 05:03:11 AM CST 11:03:11 +06 Wednesday |
| AUKC 2019-01-25 11:03:11 AM CST 17:03:11 +06 Friday |
| This shows a large cash withdrawal. |
| |
| AUKC 2019-01-22 15:53:11 PM CST 21:53:11 +06 Tuesday |
| AUKC 2019-01-23 05:03:11 AM CST 11:03:11 +06 Wednesday |
| AUKC 2019-01-25 11:03:11 AM CST 17:03:11 +06 Friday |
| This show final transfer to an unknown bank "2222222222 |
| |
| AUKC 2019-01-22 15:53:11 PM CST 21:53:11 +06 Tuesday |
| AUKC 2019-01-23 05:03:11 AM CST 11:03:11 +06 Wednesday |
| AUKC 2019-01-25 11:03:11 AM CST 17:03:11 +06 Friday |
| AUKC 2019-01-25 11:53:11 AM CST 17:53:11 +06 Friday |
| AUKC 2019-01-25 14:03:11 PM CST 20:03:11 +06 Friday |
| This record shows interest , cash withdrawal and fees. |
| |
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RFC ASCII figure A.2

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+					
			Handshake Flag		
			Gain / Loss Flag		
			Affiliate		
			Instution		
GUID	Record Owner Instution Number	Record Owner Account Number	VV	VV	Number
-----09-----	-----10-----	-----11-----	12	13	-----14-----
AAAAAZZZZZ	12345678	acc12345678	=>	-1	99997777
AAAAAZZZZZ	99997777	acc99997777	<=	+1	12345678
FX1234-AAFGH	88888888	acc8888888	=>	-1	444444444444
FX1234-AAFGH	444444444444	acc4444444	<=	+1	88888888
ZZZZZ99998	444444444444	acc4444444	=>	-1	
FX1234-AAFGH	88888888	acc8888888	=>	-1	444444444444
FX1234-AAFGH	444444444444	acc4444444	<=	+1	88888888
MMM55555	444444444444	acc4444444	=>	-1	2222222222
GUIDAAAA	12345678	accAAAAA	=>	-1	88888888
GUIDAAAA	88888888	accBBBBBB	<=	+1	12345678
GUIDINTREST	88888888	accBBBBBB	=	+0	
GUIDCASH	88888888	accBBBBBB	=>	-1	
GUIDPENETLY	88888888	accBBBBBB	=	-0	
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+					

RFC ASCII figure A.3

		Transaction Type		
				C
				u
		Sub Type		r
				r
				e C
Affiliate				n o
Account	Teller ID /		Amount of	c d
Number	VV VV Station ID		Transaction	y e
----15-----	16 17 -----18-----		-----19----	20-
acc99997777	R		-123,456.78	USD
acc12345678	B		+123,456.78	USD
acc4444444	R	Home Phone XMIT	-123,456.99	USD
acc8888888	B		+123,456.99	USD
	CW	T41 Terminal AAD	-23,456.00	USD
acc4444444	R	Home Phone XMIT	-123,456.99	USD
acc8888888	B		+123,456.99	USD
acc222222	R		-23,456.00	USD
accBBBBBB	R	Home Phone XMIT	-88777.66	USD
accAAAAA	B		+88777.66	USD
	I		+10.00	USD
	CW		-70,000.00	USD
	F		-20.00	USD

RFC ASCII figure A.4

+-----+-----+-----+-----+			
Country and Currency		DUNS	Mailing Name Street/PO Box
-----21-----	-----22-----	-----23-----	-----24-----
United States, Dollar		Big Bank	123 Long St
United States, Dollar		Little Bank	123 Short St
United States, Dollar		Big Bank	123 Some Rd
United States, Dollar		Little Bank	888 Lonesome Rd
United States, Dollar		Little Bank	888 Lonesome Rd
United States, Dollar		Big Bank	123 Some Rd
United States, Dollar		Little Bank	888 Lonesome Rd
United States, Dollar		Little Bank	888 Lonesome Rd
United States, Dollar		Big Bank	123 Some Rd
United States, Dollar		Little Bank	888 Lonesome Rd
United States, Dollar		Little Bank	888 Lonesome Rd
United States, Dollar		Little Bank	888 Lonesome Rd
United States, Dollar		Little Bank	888 Lonesome Rd
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RFC ASCII figure A.5

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+						
			C			
			o			
			S u			
			tP n			
			ar t	ZIP		
			to r	Postal		
	City	ev y	Code	Comment		
	----25-----	26 27-	--28-----	---29-----	30	
	Big City	WI USA	555555	None today	FX	
	Little Town	WI USA	777777		FX	
	InTown	WI USA	99999-8889	None Today	FX	
	OutTown	WI USA	77777-8889	Lots of Money I'm Flush !	FX	
	OutTown	WI USA	77777-8889	Stole This for Friday Night	FX	
	InTown	WI USA	99999-8889	None Today	FX	
	OutTown	WI USA	77777-8889	Lots of Money I'm Flush !	FX	
	OutTown	WI USA	77777-8889	Stole This for Vacation	FX	
	InTown	WI USA	99999-8889	None	FX	
	OutTown	WI USA	77777-8889		FX	
	OutTown	WI USA	77777-8889	Interest	FX	
	OutTown	WI USA	77777-8889	Cash	FX	
	OutTown	WI USA	77777-8889	Fee Bad Check	FX	
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+						

5. File Naming

Since there might be several years of records requested , there is a need for a specific naming convention of the downloaded files and the amount of data.

Each file will contain data for only one full year:
from - January 01 , or start date of account.
to - December 31 , or the current date of the current year ,
- or closing date of account.

Each file will contain data for only one account.

The file name will have an extension of ".aukc".

The file name will be as follows:

YYYY - four-digit year
Underscore - "_"
Institution number - alpha/numeric
Underscore - "_"
Last five digits of account - alpha/numeric
Underscore - "_"
Last name of records requestor - alpha

Examples:

YYYY_Institution_Last5Acc_Name.aukc

2017_1234567_88888_fields.aukc

2018_1234567_88888_fields.aukc

2019_1234567_88888_fields.aukc

2017_9876543aaa_20x20_fields.aukc

2018_9876543aaa_20x20_fields.aukc

2019_9876543aaa_20x20_fields.aukc

The data will be in a .csv format in a flat file.

6. Formal Syntax

Field ##

- Desc -Rule
 - all data is CSV format.
 - double quotes and comma.
 - empty fields one space character
 - required.
 - no double quotes (") or
 - single quotes (') or
 - comma's (,) allowed in the data ,
 - strip off before file creation.

Record Type ##

- Key to identify the data type
 - 4 position constant value of
 - capitol "AUKC" ;
 - first four characters - first field
 - "Audit Un-Known Cash"

Date and Time Stamps and Day of Week

- Creation of the transaction.
-
- 2019-01-22 02:47:59 AM CST
- 08:47:59 +06 Tuesday
-
- each value is a separate field.
- needed if transaction
- crosses time zones or days.
- keys to sort / search records.

Date ##

- "YYYY-MM-DD"

Time ##

- "HH:MM:SS" - local time military format

AM/PM ##

- "AM" or "PM" indicator

Zone ##

- "CST" or "CDT" - local time zone code

UTC ##

- "HH:MM:SS" - UTC time stamp

UTC Offset ##

- "+nn" or "-nn" - UTC zone offset

Day Name ##

- "Wednesday" - Day of Week Name
- Full name of local day

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GUID

- A unique ID
 - Probably the ACH number
 - (ACH) Automated Clearing House
 - Institution name , date ,
 - account , ???
 - this GUID is kept with the sending
 - institutions , and is received by the
 - receiving institutions.
 - It is the traceable element
 - to track the flow of money.

Record Owner

- What entity created the record
 - 32 position alpha/numeric
 - Financial Institution Number
 - Routing Number / DUNS
 - Unique business number ???

Record Owner Account Number

- Financial Institutions Account Number
 - 32 position alpha/numeric

Handshake Flag

- Overall Direction of the trans action
 - 3 position text symbols.
 - a leading single quote {'}
 - "'=>" outbound or
 - "'= " neutral - internal or
 - "'<=" inbound.
 - When tracing a pair of transactions
 - the arrows should net out.

Gain/Loss Flag

- A global money gain/loss flag
 - in or out or neutral
 - 3 position signed field.
 - a leading single quote (')
 - plus (+) or minus (-) and
 - zero (0) or one (1).
 - internal record:
 - "'+0" is interest or correction - gain.
 - "'-0" is fee , penalty - loss.
 - external record:
 - "'-1" is transferred out - loss.
 - "'+1" is transferred in - gain.

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Record Affiliate

- What entity received/sent the record and money.
 - 32 position alpha/numeric
 - Financial Institution Number
 - Routing Number / DUNS
 - Unique business number ???

Record Affiliate Account Number

- Financial Institutions Account Number
 - 32 position alpha/numeric

All the following data fields come from the
record owner's data.

Transaction Type

- What type of transaction ?
 - 2 position field A-Z and 0-9
 - and space.
 - "R " = real time
 - "B " = overnight batch
 - "CD" = cash deposit
 - "CW" = cash withdrawal
 - "KD" = check deposit
 - "KW" = check withdrawal
 - "PI" = phone transfer in
 - "PO" = phone transfer out
 - "I " = interest
 - "F " = penalty fee
 - more needed ????

Transaction Sub Type

- Additional Flags
 - 2 position wide open
 - reserved for future growth
 - A-Z & 0-9 and space

Teller ID / Station ID

- 20 position Identifier of
- institutions employee /
- station / terminal

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Amount of Transaction

-Numeric Currency

- floating point number.
- signed value required
- plus (+) or minus (-).
- plus +123456.78 or
- minus -123456.78.
- with a 2 position decimal value.

Currency Code

- 3 position currency code.
- USD / BBD / etc.

Country and Currency

- 30 position country and
- domination codes:
- United States , Dollar
- Barbados , Dollar.

DUNS

-DUNS Number

- 9 position

-Mailing address

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Name ## | - 60 position field |
| Street/PO Box ## | - 60 position field |
| City ## | - 40 position field |
| State/Province ## | - 12 position field |
| Country ## | - 3 position field |
| ZIP/Postal Code ## | - 14 position field |

Comment

- 40 position field

End Of Record Marker

- Text Constant "FX"

Security Considerations

There are numerous security concerns. We are dealing with people's accounts and records. Preferred method to transfer the data is have the institutions send an email to the requester. Requester opens the email , then clicks a link and an automatic download of all files is started. The link should be valid for a maximum of four (4) days. The files (data) on the host should be available for thirty (30) days ; then destroyed.

IANA Considerations

IANA should create a new code "AUKC" to identify the record type.

Conclusions

If this standard is adopted numerous manhours (time) and expense (money) could be saved. There would be a single universal tool to preform consistent audits of the flow of cash (money). People doing the auditing could expedite the findings. This would assist law enforcement and the courts to find and resolve issues rapidly. "Punish the guilty". This would stop the creation of different methods and reports ; one common solution could fit all future data inquires.

History Lesson: I spent the last year auditing two (2) niece-like girl 's information:

- for six (6) years of data -
 - of two (2) bank accounts each
 - of one (1) stock account each
 - of Federal and State Income Taxes each
 - of Social Security Accounts each
 - of Fillings with the State Court for Minors each

There were:

(2 girls x 6 years) x (2 bank + stock + 2 tax + SS + minors)
for a total of:
(12 girl-years x 7 accounts) = 84 girl-year-account record sets.

It's all been a manual process to create data records and manufacture keys and sub-keys. A many months long process could have been finished in weeks.

Now , I respectively submit this RFC to create a standard record. And , ask the expert computer people to assist in its creation and implementation. Need help to take a complex process and make into a simple user-friendly gathering , merging ; and sorting and filtering operation.

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None currently.

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Appendix A.**First Appendix****A.1. Header level - open for future**

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A.2. Second Header - open for future

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