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Abstract

This document defines an RTCP XR Report Block that allows the reporting of Delay metrics for use in a range of RTP applications.

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1. Introduction

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1.1. Delay Report Block

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This draft defines a new block type to augment those defined in [\[RFC3611\]](#) (Friedman, T., "RTP Control Protocol Extended Reports (RTCP XR)," November 2003.) for use in a range of RTP applications. The new block type supports the reporting of the mean, minimum and maximum values of the network round-trip delay between RTP interfaces in peer RTP end systems as measured, for example, using the RTCP method described in [\[RFC3550\]](#) (Schulzrinne, H., "RTP: A Transport Protocol for Real-Time Applications," July 2003.). It also supports reporting of the component of the round-trip delay internal to the local RTP system. The network metrics belong to the class of packet transport delay metrics defined in [MONARCH] (work in progress). Instances of this Metrics Block refer by tag to the separate auxiliary Measurement Identity block [\[MEASIDENT\]](#) (Hunt, G., "RTCP XR Measurement Identifier Block," May 2009.) which contains information such as the

SSRC of the measured stream, and RTP sequence numbers and time intervals indicating the span of the report.

1.2. RTCP and RTCP XR Reports

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The use of RTCP for reporting is defined in [\[RFC3550\]](#) (Schulzrinne, H., "RTP: A Transport Protocol for Real-Time Applications," July 2003.). [\[RFC3611\]](#) (Friedman, T., "RTP Control Protocol Extended Reports (RTCP XR)," November 2003.) defined an extensible structure for reporting using an RTCP Extended Report (XR). This draft defines a new Extended Report block that MUST be used as defined in [\[RFC3550\]](#) (Schulzrinne, H., "RTP: A Transport Protocol for Real-Time Applications," July 2003.) and [\[RFC3611\]](#) (Friedman, T., "RTP Control Protocol Extended Reports (RTCP XR)," November 2003.).

1.3. Performance Metrics Framework

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The Performance Metrics Framework [\[PMOLFRAME\]](#) (Clark, A., "Framework for Performance Metric Development," March 2009.) provides guidance on the definition and specification of performance metrics. Metrics described in this draft either reference external definitions or define metrics generally in accordance with the guidelines in [\[PMOLFRAME\]](#) (Clark, A., "Framework for Performance Metric Development," March 2009.).

1.4. Applicability

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This metric is believed to be applicable to all RTP applications.

2. Definitions

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Numeric formats

This report block makes use of binary fractions. The terminology used is

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3.2. Definition of Fields in Delay Metrics Report Block

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block type (BT): 8 bits

A Delay Report Block is identified by the constant NDEL.

[Note to RFC Editor: please replace NDEL with the IANA provided RTCP XR block type for this block.]

Interval Metric flag (I): 1 bit

This field is used to indicate whether the Delay metric block is an Interval or a Cumulative metric block, that is, whether the reported values apply to the most recent measurement interval duration between successive metrics reports (I=1) (the Interval Duration) or to the accumulation period characteristic of cumulative measurements (I=0) (the Cumulative Duration). Numerical values for both these intervals are provided in the Measurement Identifier block referenced by the tag field below.

Measurement Identifier association (tag): 3 bits

This field is used to identify the Measurement Identifier block [\[MEASIDENT\] \(Hunt, G., "RTCP XR Measurement Identifier Block," May 2009.\)](#) which describes this measurement. The relevant Measurement Identifier block has the same tag value as the Delay block. Note that there may be more than one Measurement Identifier block per RTCP packet.

Reserved (resv): 4 bits

These bits are reserved. They SHOULD be set to zero by senders and MUST be ignored by receivers.

block length: 16 bits

The length of this report block in 32-bit words, minus one. For the Delay block, the block length is equal to 2.

Mean Network Round Trip Delay (ms): 16 bits

The Mean Network Round Trip Delay is the mean value of the RTP-to-RTP interface round trip delay in ms over the measurement period, typically determined using RTCP SR/RR.

If only one measurement of Round Trip Delay is available for the timespan of the report (whether Interval or Cumulative), this single value should be reported as the mean value.

If the measured value exceeds 0xFFFFD, the value 0xFFFFE SHOULD be reported to indicate an over-range measurement. If the measurement is unavailable, the value 0xFFFFF SHOULD be reported.

End System Delay (ms): 16 bits

The End System Delay is the internal round trip delay within the reporting endpoint, calculated using the nominal value of the jitter buffer delay plus the accumulation/ encoding and decoding / playout delay associated with the codec being used.

If the measured or estimated value exceeds 0xFFFFD, the value 0xFFFFE SHOULD be reported to indicate an over-range measurement. If the measurement is unavailable, the value 0xFFFFF SHOULD be reported.

Min Network Round Trip Delay (ms): 16 bits

The Min Network Round Trip Delay is the minimum value of the RTP-to-RTP interface round trip delay in ms over the measurement period, typically determined using RTCP SR/RR.

If only one measurement of Round Trip Delay is available for the timespan of the report (whether Interval or Cumulative), this single value should be reported as the minimum value.

If the measured value exceeds 0xFFFFD, the value 0xFFFFE SHOULD be reported to indicate an over-range measurement. If the measurement is unavailable, the value 0xFFFFF SHOULD be reported.

Max Network Round Trip Delay (ms): 16 bits

The Max Network Round Trip Delay is the maximum value of the RTP-to-RTP interface round trip delay in ms over the measurement period, typically determined using RTCP SR/RR.

If only one measurement of Round Trip Delay is available for the timespan of the report (whether Interval or Cumulative), this single value should be reported as the maximum value.

If the measured value exceeds 0xFFFFD, the value 0xFFFFE SHOULD be reported to indicate an over-range measurement. If the measurement is unavailable, the value 0xFFFFF SHOULD be reported.

4. SDP Signaling

[RFC3611] (Friedman, T., "RTP Control Protocol Extended Reports (RTCP XR)," November 2003.) defines the use of SDP (Session Description Protocol) [RFC4566] (Handley, M., "SDP: Session Description Protocol," July 2006.) for signaling the use of XR blocks. XR blocks MAY be used without prior signaling.

This section augments the SDP [RFC4566] (Handley, M., "SDP: Session Description Protocol," July 2006.) attribute "rtcp-xr" defined in [RFC3611] (Friedman, T., "RTP Control Protocol Extended Reports (RTCP XR)," November 2003.) by providing an additional value of "xr-format" to signal the use of the report block defined in this document.

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rtcp-xr-attrib = "a=" "rtcp-xr" ":" [xr-format *(SP xr-format)] CRLF
(defined in [RFC3611] (Friedman, T., "RTP Control Protocol Extended Reports (RTCP XR)," November 2003.))
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xr-format =/ xr-delay-block
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xr-delay-block = "delay"
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5. IANA Considerations

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New block types for RTCP XR are subject to IANA registration. For general guidelines on IANA considerations for RTCP XR, refer to [RFC3611].

5.1. New RTCP XR Block Type value

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This document assigns the block type value NDEL in the IANA "RTCP XR Block Type Registry" to the "Delay Metrics Block".

[Note to RFC Editor: please replace NDEL with the IANA provided RTCP XR block type for this block.]

5.2. New RTCP XR SDP Parameter

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This document also registers a new parameter "delay" in the "RTCP XR SDP Parameters Registry".

5.3. Contact information for registrations

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6. Security Considerations

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It is believed that this proposed RTCP XR report block introduces no new security considerations beyond those described in [\[RFC3611\] \(Friedman, T., "RTP Control Protocol Extended Reports \(RTCP XR\)," November 2003.\)](#). This block does not provide per-packet statistics so the risk to confidentiality documented in Section 7, paragraph 3 of [\[RFC3611\] \(Friedman, T., "RTP Control Protocol Extended Reports \(RTCP XR\)," November 2003.\)](#) does not apply.

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8. Changes from previous version

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Changed BNF for SDP following Christian Groves' and Tom Taylor's comments (4th and 5th May 2009), now aligned with RFC 5234 section 3.3 "Incremental Alternatives".
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