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Abstract

The RTP Profile for Audio and Video Conferences with Minimal Control (RTP/AVP) is the basis for many other profiles, such as the Secure Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP/SAVP), the Extended RTP Profile for Real-time Transport Control Protocol (RTCP)-Based Feedback (RTP/AVPF), and the Extended Secure RTP Profile for RTCP-Based Feedback (RTP/SAVPF). This document updates the RTP/AVP profile (and by extension, the profiles that build upon it) to reflect changes in audio codec usage since the document was originally published.

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[1.](#) Introduction

[RFC3551] says that audio applications operating under the RTP/AVP profile SHOULD be able to send and receive PCMU and DVI4. However, in practice, many RTP deployments do not support DVI4, and its utility is limited in the presence of much more modern codecs. This document updates the recommended audio codec selection for the RTP/AVP profile to remove the SHOULD for DVI4. By extension, this also updates the profiles which build on RTP/AVP, including RTP/SAVP [[RFC3711](#)], RTP/AVPF [[RFC4585](#)], and RTP/SAVPF [[RFC5124](#)].

[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 [[RFC2119](#)].

[3.](#) Updates to [RFC 3551](#)

The following text of [[RFC3551](#)] is hereby updated as set forth below in [Section 3.1](#).

Audio applications operating under this profile SHOULD, at a minimum, be able to send and/or receive payload types 0 (PCMU) and 5 (DVI4). This allows interoperability without format negotiation and ensures successful negotiation with a conference control protocol.

[3.1.](#) Updates to [Section 6](#)

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In the final paragraph of [Section 6](#), replace, "payload types 0 (PCMU) and 5 (DVI4)," with "payload type 0 (PCMU)." Also, add a final sentence to this paragraph that states, "Some environments REQUIRE support for PCMU." This results in the following paragraph:

Audio applications operating under this profile SHOULD, at a minimum, be able to send and/or receive payload type 0 (PCMU). This allows interoperability without format negotiation and ensures successful negotiation with a conference control protocol. Some environments REQUIRE support for PCMU.

[4. Security Considerations](#)

This document does not introduce any new security considerations for [\[RFC3551\]](#).

[5. IANA Considerations](#)

This document has no actions for IANA.

[6. Acknowledgments](#)

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