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**Abstract**

This document specifies how CLUE-specific signaling such as the CLUE protocol [[I-D.ietf-clue-protocol](#)] and the CLUE data channel [[I-D.ietf-clue-datachannel](#)] are used with each other and with existing signaling mechanisms such as SIP and SDP to produce a telepresence call.

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## [1.](#) Introduction

To enable devices to participate in a telepresence call, selecting the sources they wish to view, receiving those media sources and displaying them in an optimal fashion, CLUE employs two principal and inter-related protocol negotiations. SDP, conveyed via SIP, is used to negotiate the specific media capabilities that can be delivered to specific addresses on a device. Meanwhile, CLUE protocol [[I-D.ietf-clue-protocol](#)] messages, transported via a CLUE data channel [[I-D.ietf-clue-datachannel](#)], are used to negotiate the Capture Sources available, their attributes and any constraints in their use. They also allow the far end device to specify which Captures they wish to receive.

Beyond negotiating the CLUE channel, SDP is also used to negotiate the details of supported media streams and the maximum capability of each of those streams. As the CLUE Framework [[I-D.ietf-clue-framework](#)] defines a manner in which the Media Provider expresses their maximum encoding group capabilities, SDP is also used to express the encoding limits for each potential Encoding.

Backwards-compatibility is an important consideration of the protocol: it is vital that a CLUE-capable device contacting a device that does not support CLUE is able to fall back to a fully functional non-CLUE call. The document also defines how a non-CLUE call may be upgraded to CLUE in mid-call, and similarly how CLUE functionality can be removed mid-call to return to a standard non-CLUE call.

## [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](#)].

This document uses terminology defined in the CLUE Framework [[I-D.ietf-clue-framework](#)].

A few additional terms specific to this document are defined as follows:



non-CLUE device: A device that supports standard SIP and SDP, but either does not support CLUE, or that does but does not currently wish to invoke CLUE capabilities.

CLUE-controlled media: A media "m=" line that is under CLUE control; the Capture Source that provides the media on this "m=" line is negotiated in CLUE. See [Section 4](#) for details of how this control is signaled in SDP. There is a corresponding "non-CLUE-controlled" media term.

### **[3.](#) Media Feature Tag Definition**

The "sip.clue" media feature tag indicates support for CLUE. A CLUE-capable device SHOULD include this media feature tag in its REGISTER requests and OPTION responses. It SHOULD also include the media feature tag in INVITE and UPDATE [[RFC3311](#)] requests and responses.

Presence of the media feature tag in the contact field of a request or response can be used to determine that the far end supports CLUE.

## **[4.](#) SDP Grouping Framework CLUE Extension Semantics**

### **[4.1.](#) General**

This section defines a new SDP Grouping Framework [[RFC5888](#)] extension called 'CLUE'.

The CLUE extension can be indicated using an SDP session-level 'group' attribute. Each SDP media "m=" line that is included in this group, using SDP media-level mid attributes, is CLUE-controlled, by a CLUE data channel also included in this CLUE group.

Currently only support for a single CLUE group is specified; support for multiple CLUE groups in a single session is beyond the scope of this document. A device MUST NOT include more than one CLUE group in its SDP unless it is following a specification that defines how multiple CLUE channels are signaled, and is either able to determine that the other side of the SDP exchange supports multiple CLUE channels, or is able to fail gracefully in the event it does not.

### **[4.2.](#) The CLUE data channel and the CLUE grouping semantic**

The CLUE data channel [[I-D.ietf-clue-datachannel](#)] is a bidirectional data channel [[I-D.ietf-rtcweb-data-channel](#)] used for the transport of CLUE messages, conveyed within an SCTP over DTLS connection. This channel must be established before CLUE protocol messages can be exchanged and CLUE-controlled media can be sent.



The data channel is negotiated over SDP as described in [\[I-D.ietf-mmusic-data-channel-sdpneg\]](#). A CLUE-capable device wishing to negotiate CLUE MUST also include a CLUE group in the SDP and include the "mid" of the "m=" line for the data channel in that group. A CLUE group MUST include the "mid" of the "m=" line for one (and only one) data channel.

Presence of the data channel in a CLUE group in an SDP offer or answer also serves, along with the "sip.clue" media feature tag, as an indication that the device supports CLUE and wishes to upgrade the call to include CLUE-controlled media. A CLUE-capable device SHOULD include a data channel "m=" line in offers and, when allowed by [\[RFC3264\]](#), answers.

#### **[4.3.](#) CLUE-controlled media and the CLUE grouping semantic**

CLUE-controlled media lines in an SDP are "m=" lines in which the content of the media streams to be sent is negotiated via the CLUE protocol [\[I-D.ietf-clue-protocol\]](#). For an "m=" line to be CLUE-controlled, its "mid" value MUST be included in a CLUE group. CLUE-controlled media is controlled by the CLUE protocol as negotiated on the CLUE data channel with an "mid" included in the CLUE group.

"m=" lines not specified as under CLUE control follow normal rules for media streams negotiated in SDP as defined in documents such as [\[RFC3264\]](#).

The restrictions on CLUE-controlled media always apply to "m=" lines in an SDP offer or answer, even if negotiation of the data channel in SDP failed due to lack of CLUE support by the remote device or for any other reason, or in an offer if the recipient does not include the "mid" of the corresponding "m=" line in their CLUE group.

#### **[4.4.](#) SDP semantics for CLUE-controlled media**

##### **[4.4.1.](#) Signaling CLUE Encodings**

The CLUE Framework [\[I-D.ietf-clue-framework\]](#) defines the concept of "Encodings", which represent the sender's encode ability. Each Encoding the Media Provider wishes to signal is signaled via an "m=" line of the appropriate media type, which MUST be marked as sendonly with the "a=sendonly" attribute or as inactive with the "a=inactive" attribute.

The encoder limits of active (eg, "a=sendonly") Encodings can then be expressed using existing SDP syntax. For instance, for H.264 see Table 6 in [\[RFC6184\]](#) for a list of valid parameters for representing encoder sender stream limits.





These Encodings are CLUE-controlled and hence MUST include an "mid" in a CLUE group as defined above.

As well as the normal restrictions defined in [RFC3264] the stream MUST be treated as if the "m=" line direction attribute had been set to "a=inactive" until the Media Provider has received a valid CLUE Configure message specifying the Capture to be used for this stream. This means that RTP packets MUST NOT be sent until configuration is complete, while non-media packets such as STUN, RTCP and DTLS MUST be sent as per their relevant specifications if negotiated.

Every "m=" line representing a CLUE Encoding MUST contain a "label" attribute as defined in [RFC4574]. This label is used to identify the Encoding by the sender in CLUE Advertisement messages and by the receiver in CLUE Configure messages. Each label used for a CLUE-controlled "m=" line MUST be different from the label on all other "m=" lines in the same CLUE group in the SDP message, unless an "m=" line represents a dependent stream related to another "m=" line (such as a FEC stream), in which case it MUST have the same label value as the "m=" line on which it depends.

#### **4.4.1.1. Referencing Encodings in the CLUE protocol**

CLUE Encodings are defined in SDP, but can be referenced from CLUE protocol messages - this is how the protocol defines which Encodings are part of an Encoding group (in Advertisement messages) and which Encoding with which to encode a specific Capture (in Configure messages). The labels on the CLUE-controlled "m=" lines are the references that are used in the CLUE protocol.

Each <encID> (in encodingIDList) in a CLUE Advertisement message SHOULD represent an Encoding defined in SDP; the specific Encoding referenced is a CLUE-controlled "m=" line in the most recent SDP sent by the sender of the Advertisement message with a label value corresponding to the text content of the <encID>.

Similarly, each <encodingID> (in captureEncodingType) in a CLUE Configure message SHOULD represent an Encoding defined in SDP; the specific Encoding referenced is a CLUE-controlled "m=" line in the most recent SDP received by the sender of the Configure message with a label value corresponding to the text content of the <encodingID>.

Note that the non-atomic nature of SDP/CLUE protocol interaction may mean that there are temporary periods where an <encID>/<encodingID> in a CLUE message does not reference an SDP "m=" line, or where an Encoding represented in SDP is not referenced in a CLUE protocol message. See [Section 5](#) for specifics.



#### **4.4.2. Negotiating receipt of CLUE Capture Encodings in SDP**

A receiver who wishes to receive a CLUE stream via a specific Encoding requires an "a=recvonly" "m=" line that matches the "a=sendonly" Encoding.

These "m=" lines are CLUE-controlled and hence MUST include their "mid" in the CLUE group corresponding to the CLUE group of the Encoding they wish to receive. They MAY include a "label" attribute, but this is not required by CLUE, as only label values associated with "a=sendonly" Encodings are referenced by CLUE protocol messages.

### **4.5. SDP Offer/Answer Procedures**

#### **4.5.1. Generating the Initial Offer**

A CLUE-capable device sending an initial SDP offer of a SIP session SHOULD include an "m=" line for the data channel to convey the CLUE protocol, along with a CLUE group containing the "mid" of the data channel "m=" line.

For interoperability with non-CLUE devices a CLUE-capable device sending an initial SDP offer SHOULD NOT include any "m=" line for CLUE-controlled media beyond the "m=" line for the CLUE data channel, and SHOULD include at least one non-CLUE-controlled media "m=" line.

If the device has evidence that the receiver is also CLUE-capable, for instance due to receiving an initial INVITE with no SDP but including a "sip.clue" media feature tag, the above recommendation is waived, and the initial offer MAY contain "m=" lines for CLUE-controlled media.

With the same interoperability recommendations as for Encodings, the sender of the initial SDP offer MAY also include "a=recvonly" media lines to preallocate "m=" lines to receive media. Alternatively, it MAY wait until CLUE protocol negotiation has completed before including these lines in a new offer/answer exchange - see [Section 5](#) for recommendations.

#### **4.5.2. Generating the Answer**

##### **4.5.2.1. Negotiating use of CLUE and the CLUE data channel**

If the recipient is CLUE-capable and the initial offer contains both an "m=" line for a data channel and a CLUE group containing the "mid" for that "m=" line, they SHOULD negotiate data channel support for an "m=" line, and include the "mid" of that "m=" line in a corresponding CLUE group.



A CLUE-capable recipient that receives an "m=" line for a data channel but no corresponding CLUE group containing the "mid" of that "m=" line MAY still include a corresponding data channel "m=" line if there are any other non-CLUE protocols it can convey over that channel, but MUST NOT negotiate use of the CLUE protocol on this channel.

#### **4.5.2.2. Negotiating CLUE-controlled media**

If the initial offer contained "a=recvonly" CLUE-controlled media lines the recipient SHOULD include corresponding "a=sendonly" CLUE-controlled media lines for compatible Encodings, up to the maximum number of Encodings it wishes to advertise. As CLUE-controlled media, the "mid" of these "m=" lines must be included in the corresponding CLUE group.

If the initial offer contained "a=sendonly" CLUE-controlled media lines the recipient MAY include corresponding "a=recvonly" CLUE-controlled media lines, up to the maximum number of Capture Encodings it wishes to receive. Alternatively, it MAY wait until CLUE protocol negotiation has completed before including these lines in a new offer/answer exchange - see [Section 5](#) for recommendations.

#### **4.5.2.3. Negotiating non-CLUE controlled media**

A CLUE-controlled device implementation may prefer to render initial, single-stream audio and/or video for the user as rapidly as possible, transitioning to CLUE-controlled media once that has been negotiated. Alternatively, an implementation may wish to suppress initial media, only providing media once the final, CLUE-controlled streams have been negotiated.

The receiver of the initial offer, if making the call CLUE-enabled with their SDP answer, can make their preference clear by their action in accepting or rejecting non-CLUE-controlled media lines. Rejecting these "m=" lines will ensure that no non-CLUE-controlled media flows before the CLUE-controlled media is negotiated. In contrast, accepting one or more non-CLUE-controlled "m=" lines in this initial answer will enable initial media to flow.

If the answerer chooses to send initial non-CLUE-controlled media in a CLUE-enabled call, [Section 4.5.4.1](#) addresses the need to disable it once CLUE-controlled media is fully negotiated.



### **4.5.3. Processing the initial Offer/Answer negotiation**

In the event that both offer and answer include a data channel "m=" line with a mid value included in corresponding CLUE groups, CLUE has been successfully negotiated and the call is now CLUE-enabled. If not then the call is not CLUE-enabled.

#### **4.5.3.1. Successful CLUE negotiation**

In the event of successful CLUE-enablement of the call, devices MUST now begin negotiation of the CLUE channel, see [\[I-D.ietf-clue-datachannel\]](#) for negotiation details. If negotiation is successful, sending of CLUE protocol [\[I-D.ietf-clue-protocol\]](#) messages can begin.

A CLUE-capable device MAY choose not to send media on the non-CLUE-controlled channels during the period in which control of the CLUE-controlled media lines is being negotiated. However, a CLUE-capable device MUST still be prepared to receive media on non-CLUE-controlled media lines that have been successfully negotiated as defined in [\[RFC3264\]](#).

If either side of the call wishes to add additional CLUE-controlled "m=" line to send or receive CLUE-controlled media they MAY now send a SIP request with a new SDP offer following the normal rules of SDP offer/answer and any negotiated extensions.

#### **4.5.3.2. CLUE negotiation failure**

In the event that the negotiation of CLUE fails and the call is not CLUE-enabled once the initial offer/answer negotiation completes then CLUE is not in use in the call. The CLUE-capable devices MUST either revert to non-CLUE behaviour or terminate the call.

### **4.5.4. Modifying the session**

#### **4.5.4.1. Adding and removing CLUE-controlled media**

Subsequent offer/answer exchanges MAY add additional "m=" lines for CLUE-controlled media; in most cases at least one additional exchange will be required before both sides have added all the Encodings and ability to receive Encodings that they desire. Devices MAY delay adding "a=recvonly" CLUE-controlled "m=" lines until after CLUE protocol negotiation completes - see [Section 5](#) for recommendations.

Subsequent offer/answer exchanges MAY also deactivate "m=" lines for CLUE-controlled media.





Once CLUE media has been successfully negotiated devices SHOULD ensure that non-CLUE-controlled media is deactivated in cases where it corresponds to the media type of CLUE-controlled media that has been successfully negotiated. This deactivation may require an additional SDP exchange, or may be incorporated into one that is part of the CLUE negotiation.

#### **4.5.4.2. Enabling CLUE mid-call**

A CLUE-capable device that receives an initial SDP offer from a non-CLUE device SHOULD include a new data channel "m=" line and corresponding CLUE group in any subsequent offers it sends, to indicate that it is CLUE-capable.

If, in an ongoing non-CLUE call, an SDP offer/answer exchange completes with both sides having included a data channel "m=" line in their SDP and with the "mid" for that channel in corresponding CLUE groups then the call is now CLUE-enabled; negotiation of the data channel and subsequently the CLUE protocol begin.

#### **4.5.4.3. Disabling CLUE mid-call**

If, in an ongoing CLUE-enabled call, an SDP offer-answer negotiation completes in a fashion in which either the CLUE data channel was not successfully negotiated or one side did not include the data channel in a matching CLUE group then CLUE for this call is disabled. In the event that this occurs, CLUE is no longer enabled and sending of all CLUE-controlled media associated with the corresponding CLUE group MUST stop. If the data channel is still present but not included in the CLUE group semantic CLUE protocol messages MUST no longer be sent.

Note that this is distinct to cases where the CLUE protocol negotiation fails or an error occurs in the CLUE protocol; see [[I-D.ietf-clue-protocol](#)] for details of media and state preservation in this circumstance.

### **5. Interaction of CLUE protocol and SDP negotiations**

Information about media streams in CLUE is split between two message types: SDP, which defines media addresses and limits, and the CLUE channel, which defines properties of Capture Devices available, scene information and additional constraints. As a result certain operations, such as advertising support for a new transmissible Capture with associated stream, cannot be performed atomically, as they require changes to both SDP and CLUE messaging.



This section defines how the negotiation of the two protocols interact, provides some recommendations on dealing with intermediate stages in non-atomic operations, and mandates additional constraints on when CLUE-configured media can be sent.

### **5.1. Independence of SDP and CLUE negotiation**

To avoid the need to implement interlocking state machines with the potential to reach invalid states if messages were to be lost, or be rewritten en-route by middle boxes, the state machines in SDP and CLUE operate independently. The state of the CLUE channel does not restrict when an implementation may send a new SDP offer or answer, and likewise the implementation's ability to send a new CLUE Advertisement or Configure message is not restricted by the results of or the state of the most recent SDP negotiation (unless the SDP negotiation has removed the CLUE channel).

The primary implication of this is that a device may receive an SDP with a CLUE Encoding for which it does not yet have Capture information, or receive a CLUE Configure message specifying a Capture Encoding for which the far end has not negotiated a media stream in SDP.

CLUE messages contain an <encID> (in encodingIDList) or <encodingID> (in captureEncodingType), which is used to identify a specific encoding or captureEncoding in SDP; see [\[I-D.ietf-clue-data-model-schema\]](#) for specifics. The non-atomic nature of CLUE negotiation means that a sender may wish to send a new Advertisement before the corresponding SDP message. As such the sender of the CLUE message MAY include an <encID> which does not currently match a CLUE-controlled "m=" line label in SDP; A CLUE-capable implementation MUST NOT reject a CLUE protocol message solely because it contains <encID> elements that do not match a label in SDP.

The current state of the CLUE participant or Media Provider/Consumer state machines do not affect compliance with any of the normative language of [\[RFC3264\]](#). That is, they MUST NOT delay an ongoing SDP exchange as part of a SIP server or client transaction; an implementation MUST NOT delay an SDP exchange while waiting for CLUE negotiation to complete or for a Configure message to arrive.

Similarly, a device in a CLUE-enabled call MUST NOT delay any mandatory state transitions in the CLUE Participant or Media Provider/Consumer state machines due to the presence or absence of an ongoing SDP exchange.



A device with the CLUE Participant state machine in the ACTIVE state MAY choose not to move from ESTABLISHED to ADV (Media Provider state machine) or from ESTABLISHED to WAIT FOR CONF RESPONSE (Media Consumer state machine) based on the SDP state. See [\[I-D.ietf-clue-protocol\]](#) for CLUE state machine specifics. Similarly, a device MAY choose to delay initiating a new SDP exchange based on the state of their CLUE state machines.

## **5.2. Constraints on sending media**

While SDP and CLUE message states do not impose constraints on each other, both impose constraints on the sending of media - CLUE-controlled media MUST NOT be sent unless it has been negotiated in both CLUE and SDP: an implementation MUST NOT send a specific CLUE Capture Encoding unless its most recent SDP exchange contains an active media channel for that Encoding AND the far end has sent a CLUE Configure message specifying a valid Capture for that Encoding.

## **5.3. Recommendations for operating with non-atomic operations**

CLUE-capable devices MUST be able to handle states in which CLUE messages make reference to EncodingIDs that do not match the most recently received SDP, irrespective of the order in which SDP and CLUE messages are received. While these mismatches will usually be transitory a device MUST be able to cope with such mismatches remaining indefinitely. However, this document makes some recommendations on message ordering for these non-atomic transitions.

CLUE-capable devices SHOULD ensure that any inconsistencies between SDP and CLUE signaling are temporary by sending updated SDP or CLUE messages as soon as the relevant state machines and other constraints permit.

Generally, implementations that receive messages for which they have incomplete information SHOULD wait until they have the corresponding information they lack before sending messages to make changes related to that information. For example, an answerer that receives a new SDP offer with three new "a=sendonly" CLUE "m=" lines for which it has received no CLUE Advertisement providing the corresponding capture information SHOULD include corresponding "a=inactive" lines in its answer, and SHOULD make a new SDP offer with "a=recvonly" when and if a new Advertisement arrives with Captures relevant to those Encodings.

Because of the constraints of SDP offer/answer and because new SDP negotiations are generally more 'costly' than sending a new CLUE message, implementations needing to make changes to both channels SHOULD prioritize sending the updated CLUE message over sending the



new SDP message. The aim is for the recipient to receive the CLUE changes before the SDP changes, allowing the recipient to send their SDP answers without incomplete information, reducing the number of new SDP offers required.

## **6. Interaction of CLUE protocol and RTP/RTCP CaptureID**

[I-D.ietf-clue-framework] allows for Multiple Content Captures MCCs): Captures which contain multiple source Captures, whether composited into a single stream or switched based on some metric.

The Captures that contribute to these MCCs may or may not be defined in the Advertisement message. If they are defined and the MCC is providing them in a switched format the recipient may wish to determine which originating source Capture is currently being provided, so that they can apply geometric corrections based on that Capture's geometry, or take some other action based on the original Capture information.

To do this, [I-D.ietf-clue-rtp-mapping] allows for the CaptureID of the originating Capture to be conveyed via RTP or RTCP. A Media Provider sending switched media for an MCC with defined originating sources MUST send the CaptureID in both RTP and RTCP, as described in the mapping document.

### **6.1. CaptureID reception during MCC redefinition**

Because the RTP/RTCP CaptureID is delivered via a different channel to the Advertisement in which the contents of the MCC are defined there is an intrinsic race condition in cases in which the contents of an MCC are redefined.

When a Media Provider redefines an MCC which involves CaptureIDs, the reception of the relevant CaptureIDs by the recipient will either lead or lag reception and processing of the new Advertisement by the recipient. As such, a Media Consumer MUST not be disrupted by any of the following in any CLUE- controlled media stream it is receiving, whether that stream is for a static Capture or for an MCC (as any static Capture may be redefined to an MCC in a later Advertisement):

- o Receiving RTP or RTCP containing a CaptureID when the most recently processed Advertisement means that none are expected.
- o Receiving RTP or RTCP without CaptureIDs when the most recently processed Advertisement means that media CaptureIDs are expected.





- o Receiving a CaptureID in RTP or RTCP for a Capture defined in the most recently processed Advertisement, but which the same Advertisement does not include in the MCC.
- o Receiving a CaptureID in RTP or RTCP for a Capture not defined in the most recently processed Advertisement.

## **7. Multiplexing of CLUE-controlled media using BUNDLE**

### **7.1. Overview**

A CLUE call may involve sending and/or receiving significant numbers of media streams. Conventionally, media streams are sent and received on unique ports. However, each separate port used for this purpose may impose costs that a device wishes to avoid, such as the need to open that port on firewalls and NATs, the need to collect ICE candidates [[RFC5245](#)], etc.

The BUNDLE [[I-D.ietf-mmusic-sdp-bundle-negotiation](#)] extension can be used to negotiate the multiplexing of multiple media lines onto a single 5-tuple for sending and receiving media, allowing devices in calls to another BUNDLE-supporting device to potentially avoid some of the above costs.

While CLUE-capable devices MAY support the BUNDLE extension for this purpose supporting the extension is not mandatory for a device to be CLUE-compliant.

### **7.2. Usage of BUNDLE with CLUE**

This specification imposes no additional requirements or restrictions on the usage of BUNDLE when used with CLUE. There is no restriction on combining CLUE-controlled media lines and non-CLUE-controlled media lines in the same BUNDLE group or in multiple such groups. However, there are several steps an implementation may wish to take to ameliorate the cost and time requirements of extra SDP offer/answer exchanges between CLUE and BUNDLE.

#### **7.2.1. Generating the Initial Offer**

BUNDLE mandates that the initial SDP offer MUST use a unique address for each "m=" line with a non-zero port. Because CLUE implementations generally will not include CLUE-controlled media lines with the exception of the data channel in the initial SDP offer, CLUE devices that support large numbers of streams can avoid ever having to open large numbers of ports if they successfully negotiate BUNDLE.



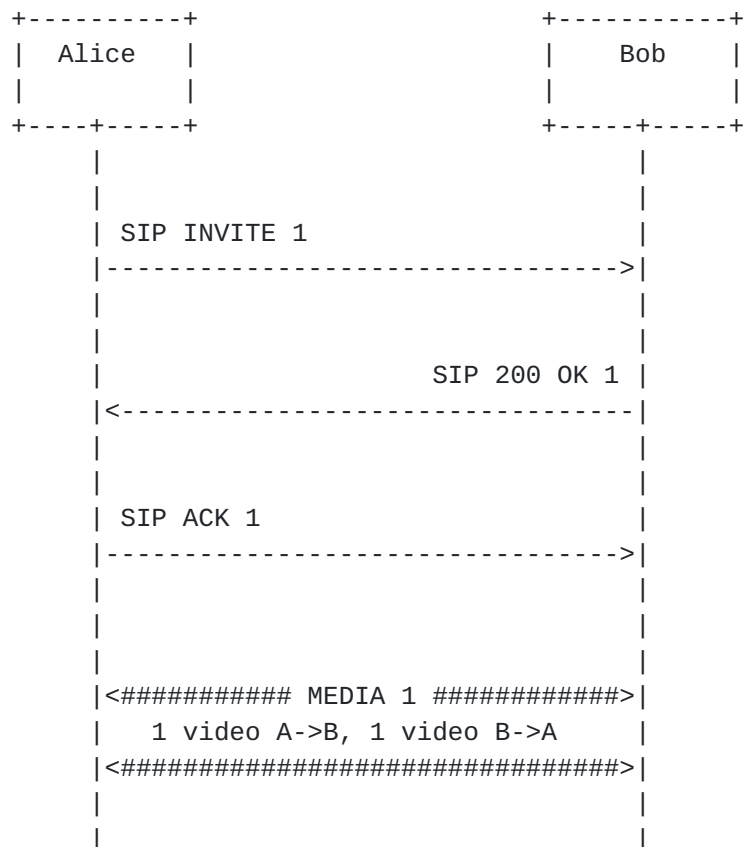
### **7.2.2. Multiplexing of the data channel and RTP media**

BUNDLE-supporting CLUE-capable devices MAY include the data channel in the same BUNDLE group as RTP media. In this case the device MUST be able to demultiplex the various transports - see [section 9.2](#) of the BUNDLE draft [[I-D.ietf-mmusic-sdp-bundle-negotiation](#)]. If the BUNDLE group includes other protocols than the data channel transported via DTLS the device MUST also be able to differentiate the various protocols.

## **8. Example: A call between two CLUE-capable Endpoints**

This example illustrates a call between two CLUE-capable Endpoints. Alice, initiating the call, is a system with three cameras and three screens. Bob, receiving the call, is a system with two cameras and two screens. A call-flow diagram is presented, followed by a summary of each message.

To manage the size of this section the SDP snippet only illustrate video "m=" lines. SIP ACKs are not discussed. Note that BUNDLE is not in use.



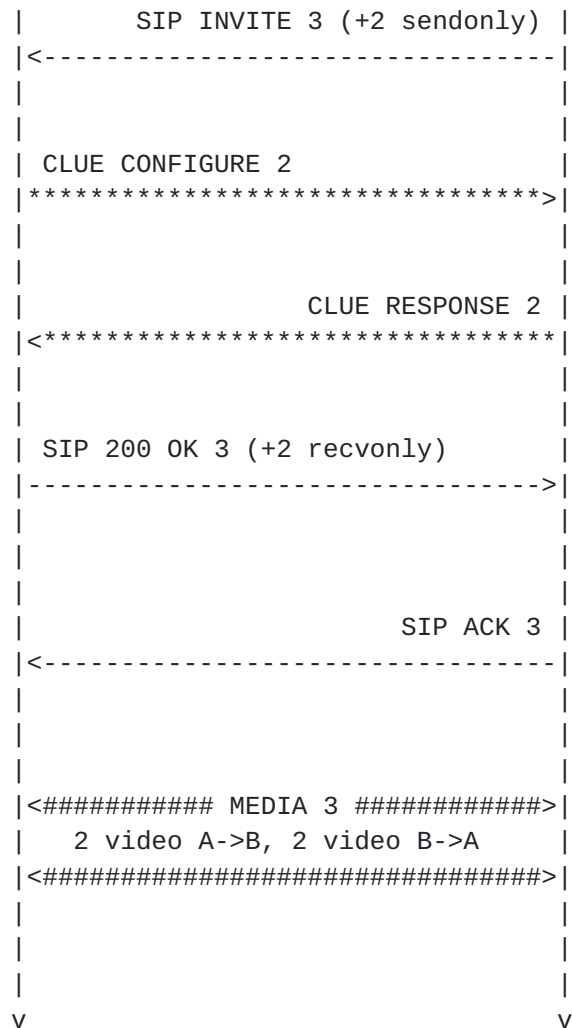


```

|<=====>|
|  CLUE DATA CHANNEL ESTABLISHED  |
|<=====>|
|
| CLUE OPTIONS                      |
|<*****>|
|
|                                CLUE OPTIONS RESPONSE |
|*****>|
|
| CLUE ADVERTISEMENT 1            |
|*****>|
|
|                                CLUE ADVERTISEMENT 2 |
|<*****>|
|
| SIP INVITE 2 (+3 sendonly)      |
|----->|
|
|                                CLUE CONFIGURE 1      |
|<*****>|
|
| CLUE RESPONSE 1                 |
|*****>|
|
|                                SIP 200 OK 2 (+2 recvonly) |
|<----->|
|
| SIP ACK 2                       |
|----->|
|
|<##### MEDIA 2 #####>|
|  2 video A->B, 1 video B->A    |
|<#####>|

```





In SIP INVITE 1, Alice sends Bob a SIP INVITE including in the SDP body the basic audio and video capabilities and the data channel as per [\[I-D.ietf-mmusic-sctp-sdp\]](#). Alice also includes the "sip.clue" media feature tag in the INVITE. A snippet of the SDP showing the grouping attribute and the video "m=" line are shown below. Alice has included a "CLUE" group, and included the mid corresponding to a data channel in the group (3). Note that Alice has chosen not to include any CLUE-controlled media in the initial offer - the mid value of the video line is not included in the "CLUE" group.





```
...
a=group:CLUE 3
...
m=video 6002 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/90000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mbps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=sendrecv
a=mid:2
...
m=application 6100 UDP/DTLS/SCTP webrtc-datachannel
a=sctp-port: 5000
a=dcmap:2 subprotocol="CLUE";ordered=true
a=mid:3
```

Bob responds with a similar SDP in SIP 200 OK 1, which also has a "CLUE" group including the mid value of a data channel; due to their similarity no SDP snippet is shown here. Bob wishes to receive initial media, and so includes corresponding non-CLUE-controlled audio and video lines. Bob also includes the "sip.clue" media feature tag in the 200 OK. Alice and Bob are each now able to send a single audio and video stream. This is illustrated as MEDIA 1.

With the successful initial SDP O/A Alice and Bob are also free to negotiate the CLUE data channel. This is illustrated as CLUE DATA CHANNEL ESTABLISHED.

Once the data channel is established CLUE protocol negotiation begins. In this case Bob is the Channel Initiator and sends a CLUE OPTIONS message describing his version support. On receiving that message Alice sends her corresponding CLUE OPTIONS RESPONSE.

With the OPTIONS phase complete Alice now sends her CLUE Advertisement (CLUE ADVERTISEMENT 1). She advertises three static Captures representing her three cameras. She also includes switched Captures suitable for two- and one-screen systems. All of these Captures are in a single Capture Scene, with suitable Capture Scene Views to tell Bob that he should either subscribe to the three static Captures, the two switched Captures or the one switched Capture. Alice has no simultaneity constraints, so includes all six Captures in one simultaneous set. Finally, Alice includes an Encoding Group with three Encoding IDs: "enc1", "enc2" and "enc3". These Encoding IDs aren't currently valid, but will match the next SDP offer she sends.

Bob received CLUE ADVERTISEMENT 1 but does not yet send a Configure message, because he has not yet received Alice's Encoding information, so as yet he does not know if she will have sufficient



resources to send him the two streams he ideally wants at a quality he is happy with.

Bob also sends his CLUE Advertisement (CLUE ADVERTISEMENT 2). He advertises two static Captures representing his cameras. He also includes a single composed Capture for single-screen systems, in which he will composite the two camera views into a single video stream. All three Captures are in a single Capture Scene, with suitable Capture Scene Views to tell Alice that she should either subscribe to the two static Captures, or the single composed Capture. Bob also has no simultaneity constraints, so includes all three Captures in one simultaneous set. Bob also includes a single Encoding Group with two Encoding IDs: "foo" and "bar".

Similarly, Alice receives CLUE ADVERTISEMENT 2 but does not yet send a Configure message, because she has not yet received Bob's Encoding information.

Alice now sends SIP INVITE 2. She maintains the sendrecv audio, video and CLUE "m=" lines, and she adds three new sendonly "m=" lines to represent the three CLUE-controlled Encodings she can send. Each of these "m=" lines has a label corresponding to one of the Encoding IDs from CLUE ADVERTISEMENT 1. Each also has its mid added to the grouping attribute to show they are controlled by the CLUE channel. A snippet of the SDP showing the grouping attribute, data channel and the video "m=" lines are shown below:



```
...
a=group:CLUE 3 4 5 6
...
m=video 6002 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/90000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=sendrecv
a=mid:2
...
m=application 6100 UDP/DTLS/SCTP webrtc-datachannel
a=sctp-port: 5000
a=dcmap:2 subprotocol="CLUE";ordered=true
a=mid:3
...
m=video 6004 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/90000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016
a=sendonly
a=mid:4
a=label:enc1
m=video 6006 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/90000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016
a=sendonly
a=mid:5
a=label:enc2
m=video 6008 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/90000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016
a=sendonly
a=mid:6
a=label:enc3
```

Bob now has all the information he needs to decide which streams to configure. As such he now sends CLUE CONFIGURE 1. This requests the pair of switched Captures that represent Alice's scene, and he configures them with encoder ids "enc1" and "enc2". This also serves as an ack for Alice's CLUE ADVERTISEMENT 1.

Alice receives Bob's message CLUE CONFIGURE 1 and sends CLUE RESPONSE 1 to ack its reception. She does not yet send the Capture Encodings specified, because at this stage Bob hasn't negotiated the ability to receive these streams in SDP.

Bob now sends his SDP answer as part of SIP 200 OK 2. Alongside his original audio, video and CLUE "m=" lines he includes two active recvonly "m=" lines and a zeroed "m=" line for the third. He adds



their mid values to the grouping attribute to show they are controlled by the CLUE channel. A snippet of the SDP showing the grouping attribute and the video "m=" lines are shown below (mid 100 represents the CLUE channel, not shown):

```
...
a=group:CLUE 11 12 100
...
m=video 58722 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/900000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mbps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=sendrecv
a=mid:10
...
m=video 58724 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/900000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mbps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=recvonly
a=mid:11
m=video 58726 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/900000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mbps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=recvonly
a=mid:12
m=video 0 RTP/AVP 96
```

On receiving SIP 200 OK 2 from Bob Alice is now able to send the two streams of video Bob requested - this is illustrated as MEDIA 2.

The constraints of offer/answer meant that Bob could not include his encoding information as new "m=" lines in SIP 200 OK 2. As such Bob now sends SIP INVITE 3 to generate a new offer. Along with all the streams from SIP 200 OK 2 Bob also includes two new sendonly streams. Each stream has a label corresponding to the Encoding IDs in his CLUE ADVERTISEMENT 2 message. He also adds their mid values to the grouping attribute to show they are controlled by the CLUE channel. A snippet of the SDP showing the grouping attribute and the video "m=" lines are shown below (mid 100 represents the CLUE channel, not shown):





```
...
a=group:CLUE 11 12 13 14 100
...
m=video 58722 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/900000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mbps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=sendrecv
a=mid:10
...
m=video 58724 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/900000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mbps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=recvonly
a=mid:11
m=video 58726 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/900000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mbps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=recvonly
a=mid:12
m=video 0 RTP/AVP 96
m=video 58728 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/900000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016
a=sendonly
a=label:foo
a=mid:13
m=video 58730 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/900000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016
a=sendonly
a=label:bar
a=mid:14
```

Having received this Alice now has all the information she needs to send CLUE CONFIGURE 2. She requests the two static Captures from Bob, to be sent on Encodings "foo" and "bar".

Bob receives Alice's message CLUE CONFIGURE 2 and sends CLUE RESPONSE 2 to ack its reception. Bob does not yet send the Capture Encodings specified, because Alice hasn't yet negotiated the ability to receive these streams in SDP.

Alice now sends SIP 200 OK 3, matching two recvonly "m=" lines to Bob's new sendonly lines. She includes their mid values in the grouping attribute to show they are controlled by the CLUE channel. Alice also now deactivates the initial non-CLUE-controlled media, as bidirectional CLUE-controlled media is now available. A snippet of



the SDP showing the grouping attribute and the video "m=" lines are shown below (mid 3 represents the data channel, not shown):

```
...
a=group:CLUE 3 4 5 7 8
...
m=video 0 RTP/AVP 96
a=mid:2
...
m=video 6004 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/90000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016
a=sendonly
a=mid:4
a=label:enc1
m=video 6006 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/90000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016
a=sendonly
a=mid:5
a=label:enc2
m=video 0 RTP/AVP 96
m=video 6010 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/90000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mbps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=recvonly
a=mid:7
m=video 6012 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/90000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mbps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=recvonly
a=mid:8
```

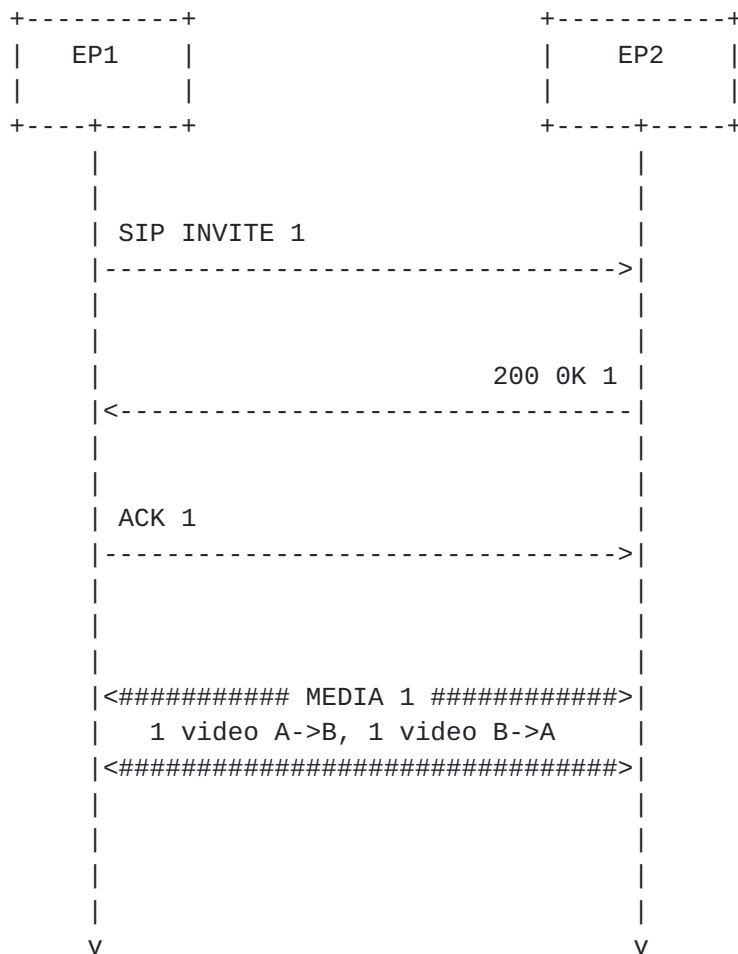
Finally, on receiving SIP 200 OK 3 Bob is now able to send the two streams of video Alice requested - this is illustrated as MEDIA 3.

Both sides of the call are now sending multiple video streams with their sources defined via CLUE negotiation. As the call progresses either side can send new Advertisement or Configure message or new SDP offer/answers to add, remove or change what they have available or want to receive.



## 9. Example: A call between a CLUE-capable and non-CLUE Endpoint

In this brief example Alice is a CLUE-capable Endpoint making a call to Bob, who is not CLUE-capable (i.e. is not able to use the CLUE protocol).



In SIP INVITE 1, Alice sends Bob a SIP INVITE including in the SDP body the basic audio and video capabilities and the data channel as per [I-D.ietf-mmusic-sctp-sdp]. Alice also includes the "sip.clue" media feature tag in the INVITE. A snippet of the SDP showing the grouping attribute and the video "m=" line are shown below. Alice has included a "CLUE" group, and included the mid corresponding to a data channel in the group (3). Note that Alice has chosen not to include any CLUE-controlled media in the initial offer - the mid value of the video line is not included in the "CLUE" group.



```
...
a=group:CLUE 3
...
m=video 6002 RTP/AVP 96
a=rtpmap:96 H264/90000
a=fmtp:96 profile-level-id=42e016;max-mps=108000;max-fs=3600
a=sendrecv
a=mid:2
...
m=application 6100 UDP/DTLS/SCTP webrtc-datachannel
a=sctp-port: 5000
a=dcmap:2 subprotocol="CLUE";ordered=true
a=mid:3
```

Bob is not CLUE-capable, and hence does not recognize the "CLUE" semantic for grouping attribute, nor does he support the data channel. IN SIP 200 OK 1 he responds with an answer with audio and video, but with the data channel zeroed.

From the lack of the data channel and grouping framework Alice understands that Bob does not support CLUE, or does not wish to use it. Both sides are now able to send a single audio and video stream to each other. Alice at this point begins to send her fallback video: in this case likely a switched view from whichever camera shows the current loudest participant on her side.

## **10. Acknowledgements**

The team focusing on this draft consists of: Roni Even, Rob Hansen, Christer Holmberg, Paul Kyzivat, Simon Pietro-Romano, Roberta Presta.

Christian Groves and Jonathan Lennox have contributed detailed comments and suggestions.

## **11. IANA Considerations**

### **11.1. New SDP Grouping Framework Attribute**

This document registers the following semantics with IANA in the "Semantics for the "group" SDP Attribute" subregistry (under the "Session Description Protocol (SDP) Parameters" registry per [\[RFC5888\]](#)):





Semantics	Token	Reference
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CLUE-controlled m-line	CLUE	[this draft]

### **11.2. New SIP Media Feature Tag**

This specification registers a new media feature tag in the SIP [[RFC3264](#)] tree per the procedures defined in [[RFC2506](#)] and [[RFC3840](#)].

Media feature tag name: sip.clue

ASN.1 Identifier: 1.3.6.1.8.4.29

Summary of the media feature indicated by this tag: This feature tag indicates that the device supports CLUE-controlled media.

Values appropriate for use with this feature tag: Boolean.

The feature tag is intended primarily for use in the following applications, protocols, services, or negotiation mechanisms:

This feature tag is most useful in a communications application for describing the capabilities of a device to use the CLUE control protocol to negotiate the use of multiple media streams.

Related standards or documents: [this draft]

Security Considerations: Security considerations for this media feature tag are discussed in [Section 12](#) of [this draft].

Name(s) & email address(es) of person(s) to contact for further information:

- o CLUE workgroup: clue@ietf.org
- o CLUE chairs: clue-chairs@ietf.org

Intended usage: COMMON

## **12. Security Considerations**

CLUE makes use of a number of protocols and mechanisms, either defined by CLUE or long-standing. The security considerations section of the CLUE Framework [[I-D.ietf-clue-framework](#)] addresses the need to secure these mechanisms by following the recommendations of the individual protocols.



Beyond the need to secure the constituent protocols, the use of CLUE does impose additional security concerns. One area of increased risk involves the potential for a malicious party to subvert a CLUE-capable device to attack a third party by driving large volumes of media (particularly video) traffic at them by establishing a connection to the CLUE-capable device and directing the media to the victim. While this is a risk for all media devices, a CLUE-capable device may allow the attacker to configure multiple media streams to be sent, significantly increasing the volume of traffic directed at the victim.

This attack can be prevented by ensuring that the media recipient intends to receive the media packets. As such all CLUE-capable devices MUST support key negotiation and receiver intent assurance via DTLS [[RFC5763](#)] on CLUE-controlled RTP "m=" lines. All CLUE-controlled RTP "m=" lines must be secured and implemented using mechanisms such as SRTP [[RFC3711](#)]; no specific security mechanisms are made mandatory to use due to the issues addressed in [[RFC7202](#)]. Due to the requirements of backwards compatibility, this is not a mandatory requirement for non-CLUE-controlled "m=" lines.

CLUE also defines a new media feature tag that indicates CLUE support. This tag may be present even in non-CLUE calls, which increases the metadata available about the sending device, which can help an attacker differentiate between multiple devices and help them identify otherwise anonymised users via the fingerprint of features their device supports. To prevent this, SIP signaling SHOULD always be encrypted using TLS [[RFC5630](#)].

### **[13.](#) Change History**

-07: Revision by Rob Hansen

- \* Removed the entire 'Media line directionality' section as a discussion of the pros/cons of using bidirectional vs unidirectional schemes wasn't suitable for a finalised version. The unidirectionality requirement is covered normatively in an earlier section.
- \* BUNDLE no longer includes an address synchronisation step so the suggestion to wait until that done has been replaced with some general language about following any negotiated extensions.
- \* Added OPTIONS negotiation to the example flow, and revised the flow to ensure it matched protocol document.



- \* Section on not sending CLUE control media until CLUE negotiation completes narrowed to notify that only RTP should not be sent until negotiation completes and add RTCP to the list of things that should be sent as normal, in line with a=inactive.
- \* Make explicit that m=recvonly lines don't need to have a label, as only m=sendonly lines are referenced by CLUE protocol messages.
- \* Fix formatting of IANA sections. Improve syntax of feature tag section in line with Paul's suggestions. Definition of feature tag narrowed to be multiple media lines \*negotiated via CLUE protocol\* rather than more generic 'multiple media lines'.
- \* General corrections to grammar, spelling and readability based on Christian, Paul and Mark; in many cases suggested text was gratefully accepted.

-06: Revision by Rob Hansen

- \* State machine interactions updated to match versions in -04 of protocol doc.
- \* Section on encoding updated to specify both encID and encodingID from data model doc.
- \* Removed the limitations on describing H264 encoding limits using SDP syntax as an open issue.
- \* Previous draft had SRTP and DTLS mandatory to implement and to use on CLUE- controlled m lines. Current version has DTLS mandatory to implement, and 'security' mandatory to use but does not define what that security is.
- \* Terminology reference to framework doc reinforced. All terminology that duplicates framework removed. All text updated with capitalisation that matches framework document's terminology.
- \* SDP example syntax updated to match that of ietf-clue-datachannel and hence ietf-mmusic-data-channel-sdpneg.

-05: Revision by Rob Hansen

- \* SRTP/DTLS made mandatory for CLUE-controlled media lines.



- \* IANA consideration section added (text as proposed by Christian Groves).
- \* Includes provision for dependent streams on separate "m" lines having the same encID as their parent "m" line.
- \* References to putting CLUE-controlled media and data channels in more than one CLUE group removed, since the document no longer supports using more than one CLUE group.
- \* Section on CLUE controlled media restrictions still applying even if the call does not end up being CLUE enabled being rewritten to hopefully be clearer.
- \* Other minor syntax improvements.

-04: Revision by Rob Hansen

- \* Updated DTLS/SCTP channel syntax in examples to fix errors and match latest format defined in [draft-ietf-mmusic-sctp-sdp-07](#).
- \* Clarified the behaviour if an SDP offer includes a CLUE-controlled "m" line and the answer accepts that "m" line but without CLUE control of that line.
- \* Added a new section on the sending and receiving of CaptureIDs in RTP and RTCP. Includes a section on the necessity of the receiver coping with unexpected CaptureIDs (or the lack thereof) due to MCCs being redefined in new Advertisement messages.
- \* Added reminder on IANA section on registering grouping semantic and media feature tag, removed the less formal sections that did the same job.
- \* Fixed and clarified issues raised by Christian's document review.
- \* Added a number of security considerations.

-03: Revision by Rob Hansen

- \* Clarified text on not rejecting messages because they contain unknown encIDs.
- \* Removed normative language in section on accepting/rejecting non-CLUE-controlled media in the initial answer.





- \* Example SDP updated to include the data channel "m" lines.
- \* Example call flow updated to show disablement of non-CLUE-controlled media once CLUE-controlled media is flowing.

-02: Revision by Rob Hansen

- \* Added section on not accepting non-CLUE-controlled "m" lines in the initial answer when CLUE is to be negotiated.
- \* Removed previous language attempting to describe media restrictions for CLUE-controlled "m" lines that had not been configured, and replaced it with much more accurate 'treat as "a=inactive" was set'.
- \* Made label element mandatory for CLUE-controlled media (was previously "SHOULD include", but there didn't seem a good reason for this - anyone wishing to include the "m" line but not immediately use it in CLUE can simply leave it out of the <encodingIDList>.)
- \* Added a section on the specifics of relating encodings in SDP to <encID> elements in the CLUE protocol, including the fact that both Advertisement and Configure messages reference the \*encoding\* (eg, in the Configure case the sender of the Configure message includes the labels of the recipient's "m" lines as their <encID> contents).
- \* Minor revisions to the section on complying with normative SDP/CLUEstate machine language to clarify that these were not new normative language, merely that existing normative language still applies.
- \* Removed appendices which previously contained information to be transferred to the protocol and data channel drafts. Removed other text that discussed alternatives to the current approach.
- \* Cleaned up some 'todo' text.

-01: Revision by Rob Hansen

- \* Revised terminology - removed the term 'CLUE-enabled' device as insufficiently distinct from 'CLUE-capable' and instead added a term for 'CLUE-enabled' calls.
- \* Removed text forbidding RTCP and instead added text that ICE/DTLS negotiation for CLUE controlled media must be done as normal irrespective of CLUE negotiation.



- \* Changed 'sip.telepresence' to 'sip.clue' and 'TELEPRESENCE' grouping semantic back to CLUE.
- \* Made it mandatory to have exactly one mid corresponding to a data channel in a CLUE group
- \* Forbade having multiple CLUE groups unless a specification for doing so is published.
- \* Refactored SDP-related text; previously the encoding information had been in the "initial offer" section despite the fact that we recommend that the initial offer doesn't actually include any encodings. I moved the specifications of encodings and how they're received to an earlier, separate section.
- \* Added text on how the state machines in CLUE and SDP are allowed to affect one another, and further recommendations on how a device should handle the sending of CLUE and SDP changes.

-00: Revision by Rob Hansen

- \* Submitted as -00 working group document

[draft-kyzivat-08](#): Revisions by Rob Hansen

- \* Added media feature tag for CLUE support ('sip.telepresence')
- \* Changed grouping semantic from 'CLUE' to 'TELEPRESENCE'
- \* Restructured document to be more centred on the grouping semantic and its use with O/A
- \* Lots of additional text on usage of the grouping semantic
- \* Stricter definition of CLUE-controlled m lines and how they work
- \* Some additional text on defining what happens when CLUE supports is added or removed
- \* Added details on when to not send RTCP for CLUE-controlled "m" lines.
- \* Added a section on using BUNDLE with CLUE
- \* Updated data channel references to point at new WG document rather than individual draft



[draft-kyzivat-07](#): Revisions by Rob Hansen

- \* Removed the text providing arguments for encoding limits being in SDP and encoding groups in the CLUE protocol in favor of the specifics of how to negotiate encodings in SDP
- \* Added normative language on the setting up of a CLUE call, and added sections on mid-call changes to the CLUE status.
- \* Added references to [[I-D.ietf-clue-datachannel](#)] where appropriate.
- \* Added some terminology for various types of CLUE and non-CLUE states of operation.
- \* Moved language related to topics that should be in [[I-D.ietf-clue-datachannel](#)] and [[I-D.ietf-clue-protocol](#)], but that has not yet been resolved in those documents, into an appendix.

[draft-kyzivat-06](#): Revisions by Rob Hansen

- \* Removed CLUE message XML schema and details that are now in [draft-presta-clue-protocol](#)
- \* Encoding limits in SDP section updated to note that this has been investigated and discussed and is the current working assumption of the WG, though consensus has not been fully achieved.
- \* A section has also been added on the current mandation of unidirectional "m" lines.
- \* Updated CLUE messaging in example call flow to match [draft-presta-clue-protocol-03](#)

[draft-kyzivat-05](#): Revisions by pkyzivat:

- \* Specified versioning model and mechanism.
- \* Added explicit response to all messages.
- \* Rearranged text to work with the above changes. (Which rendered diff almost useless.)

[draft-kyzivat-04](#): Revisions by Rob Hansen: ???[draft-kyzivat-03](#): Revisions by pkyzivat:



- \* Added a syntax section with an XML schema for CLUE messages. This is a strawhorse, and is very incomplete, but it establishes a template for doing this based on elements defined in the data model. (Thanks to Roberta for help with this!)
- \* Did some rewording to fit the syntax section in and reference it.
- \* Did some relatively minor restructuring of the document to make it flow better in a logical way.

[draft-kyzivat-02](#): A bunch of revisions by pkyzivat:

- \* Moved roberta's call flows to a more appropriate place in the document.
- \* New section on versioning.
- \* New section on NAK.
- \* A couple of possible alternatives for message acknowledgment.
- \* Some discussion of when/how to signal changes in provider state.
- \* Some discussion about the handling of transport errors.
- \* Added a change history section.

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