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Abstract

This draft defines the SDP offer/answer procedures for negotiating and establishing a DTLS association. The draft also defines the criteria for when a new DTLS association must be established.

This draft defines a new SDP media-level attribute, 'dtls-connection'.

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## [1.](#) Introduction

[RFC5763] defines SDP Offer/Answer procedures for SRTP-DTLS.

[RFC7345] defines SDP Offer/Answer procedures for UDPTL-DTLS. This specification defines general Offer/Answer procedures for DTLS, based on the procedures in [RFC5763]. Other specifications, defining specific DTLS usages, can then reference this specification, in order to ensure that the DTLS aspects are common among all usages. Having common procedures is essential when multiple usages share the same DTLS association [[I-D.ietf-mmusic-sdp-bundle-negotiation](#)].



As defined in [\[RFC5763\]](#), a new DTLS association MUST be established when transport parameters are changed. Transport parameter change is not well defined when Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) [\[RFC5245\]](#) is used. One possible way to determine a transport change is based on ufrag change, but the ufrag value is changed both when ICE is negotiated and when ICE restart [\[RFC5245\]](#) occurs. These events do not always require a new DTLS association to be established, but currently there is no way to explicitly indicate in an SDP offer or answer whether a new DTLS association is required. To solve that problem, this draft defines a new SDP attribute, 'dtls-connection'. The attribute is used in SDP offers and answers to explicitly indicate whether a new DTLS association is to be established/re-established. The attribute can be used both with and without ICE.

## **2. 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 [\[RFC2119\]](#).

## **3. Establishing a new DTLS Association**

### **3.1. General**

A new DTLS association MUST be established in the following cases:

- o The DTLS roles change;
- o The fingerprint (certificate) value changes; or
- o The intent to establish of a new DTLS association is explicitly signaled;

NOTE: The first two items list above are based on the procedures in [\[RFC5763\]](#). This draft adds the support for explicit signaling.

Whenever an entity determines, based on the criteria above, that a new DTLS association is required, the entity MUST initiate an associated SDP offer/answer transaction, following the procedures in [Section 5](#).

The sections below describe typical cases where a new DTLS association needs to be established.



### **[3.2.](#) Change of Local Transport Parameters**

If an endpoint modifies its local transport parameters (address and/or port), and if the modification requires a new DTLS association, the endpoint MUST change its DTLS role, change its fingerprint value, and/or use the SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute with a 'new' value [Section 4](#).

If the underlying transport explicitly prohibits a DTLS association to span multiple transports, the SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute MUST be set to 'new' if the transport is changed. An example of such case is when DTLS is carried over SCTP, as described in [[RFC6083](#)].

### **[3.3.](#) Change of ICE ufrag value**

If an endpoint uses ICE, and modifies a local ufrag value, and if the modification requires a new DTLS association, the endpoint MUST either change its DTLS role, its fingerprint value and/or use the SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute with a 'new' value [Section 4](#).

### **[3.4.](#) Multiple SDP fingerprint attributes**

It is possible to associate multiple SDP fingerprint attribute values to an 'm-' line. If any of the attribute values associated with an 'm-' line are removed, or if any new attribute values are added, it is considered a fingerprint value change.

## **[4.](#) SDP dtls-connection Attribute**

The SDP 'connection' attribute [[RFC4145](#)] was originally defined for connection-oriented protocols, e.g. TCP and TLS. This section defines a similar attribute, 'dtls-connection', to be used with DTLS.



Name: dtls-connection

Value: conn-value

Usage Level: media

Charset Dependent: no

Syntax:

conn-value = "new" / "existing"

Example:

a=dtls-connection:existing

A 'dtls-connection' attribute value of 'new' indicates that a new DTLS association MUST be established. A 'dtls-connection' attribute value of 'existing' indicates an intention to reuse an existing association.

Unlike the SDP 'connection' attribute for TLS, there is no default value defined for the 'dtls-connection' attribute. Implementations that wish to use the attribute MUST explicitly include it in SDP offers and answers. If an offer or answer does not contain an attribute (this could happen if the offerer or answerer represents an existing implementation that has not been updated to support the attribute defined in this specification), other means needs to be used in order for endpoints to determine whether an offer or answer is associated with an event that requires the DTLS association to be re-established.

The mux category [[I-D.ietf-mmusic-sdp-mux-attributes](#)] for the 'dtls-connection' attribute is 'IDENTICAL', which means that the attribute value must be identical across all media descriptions being multiplexed [[I-D.ietf-mmusic-sdp-bundle-negotiation](#)].

For RTP-based media, the 'dtls-connection' attribute apply to whole associated media description. The attribute MUST NOT be defined per source (using the SDP 'ssrc' attribute [[RFC5576](#)]).

The SDP Offer/Answer [[RFC3264](#)] procedures associated with the attribute are defined in [Section 5](#)



## 5. SDP Offer/Answer Procedures

### 5.1. General

This section defines the generic SDP offer/answer procedures for negotiating a DTLS association. Additional procedures (e.g. regarding usage of specific SDP attributes etc) for individual DTLS usages (e.g. SRTP-DTLS) are outside the scope of this specification, and need to be specified in a usage specific specification.

NOTE: The procedures in this section are generalizations of procedures first specified in SRTP-DTLS [[RFC5763](#)], with the addition of usage of the SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute. That document is herein revised to make use of these new procedures.

The procedures in this section apply to an SDP media description ("m=" line) associated a DTLS-protected media/data stream.

In order to negotiate a DTLS association, the following SDP attributes are used:

- o The SDP 'setup' attribute, defined in [[RFC4145](#)], is used to negotiate the DTLS roles;
- o The SDP 'fingerprint' attribute, defined in [[RFC4572](#)], is used to provide the fingerprint value; and
- o The SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute, defined in this specification, is used to explicitly indicate whether a new DTLS association is to be established or a previous association is to be used.

This specification does not define the usage of the SDP 'connection' attribute [[RFC4145](#)] for negotiating a DTLS connection. However, the attribute MAY be used if the DTLS association is used together with another protocol, e.g. SCTP or TCP, for which the usage of the attribute has been defined.

Unlike for TCP and TLS connections, endpoints MUST NOT use the SDP 'setup' attribute 'holdconn' value when negotiating a DTLS association.

Endpoints MUST support SHA-256 for generating and verifying the fingerprint value associated with the DTLS association. The use of SHA-256 is preferred.

Endpoints MUST, at a minimum, support  
TLS\_DHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256 and MUST support



TLS\_ECDHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256. UDPTL over DTLS MUST prefer TLS\_ECDHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256 and any other Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS) cipher suites over non-PFS cipher suites. Implementations SHOULD disable TLS-level compression.

The certificate received during the DTLS handshake MUST match a fingerprint received in an SDP "fingerprint" attribute. If a fingerprint does not match the hashed certificate, then the endpoint MUST tear down the media session immediately. Note that it is permissible to wait until the other side's fingerprint has been received before establishing the connection; however, this may have undesirable latency effects.

### **5.2. Generating the Initial SDP Offer**

When the offerer sends the initial offer, and the offerer wants to establish a DTLS association, it MUST insert an SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute with a 'new' value in the offer. In addition, the offerer MUST insert an SDP 'setup' attribute according to the procedures in [\[RFC4145\]](#), and one or more SDP 'fingerprint' attributes according to the procedures in [\[RFC4572\]](#), in the offer.

If the offerer inserts the SDP 'setup' attribute with an 'actpass' or 'passive' value, the offerer MUST be prepared to receive a DTLS ClientHello message (if a new DTLS association is established by the answerer) from the answerer before it receives the SDP answer.

### **5.3. Generating the Answer**

If an answerer receives an offer that contains an SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute with a 'new' value, or if the answerer receives an offer that contains an 'dtls-connection' attribute with an 'existing' value and the answerer determines (based on the criteria for establishing a new DTLS association) that a new DTLS association is to be established, the answerer MUST insert a 'new' value in the associated answer. In addition, the answerer MUST insert an SDP 'setup' attribute according to the procedures in [\[RFC4145\]](#), and one or more SDP 'fingerprint' attributes according to the procedures in [\[RFC4572\]](#), in the answer.

If an answerer receives an offer that contains an SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute with a 'new' value, and if the answerer does not accept the establishment of a new DTLS association, the answerer MUST reject the "m=" lines associated with the suggested DTLS association [\[RFC3264\]](#).

If an answerer receives an offer that contains a 'dtls-connection' attribute with an 'existing' value, and if the answerer determines



that a new DTLS association is not to be established, the answerer MUST insert a 'dtls-connection' attribute with an 'existing' value in the associated answer. In addition, the answerer MUST insert an SDP 'setup' attribute with a value that does not change the previously negotiated DTLS roles, and one or more SDP 'fingerprint' attributes values that do not change the previously sent fingerprints, in the answer.

If the answerer receives an offer that does not contain an SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute, the answerer MUST NOT insert a 'dtls-connection' attribute in the answer.

If a new DTLS association is to be established, and if the answerer inserts an SDP 'setup' attribute with an 'active' value in the answer, the answerer MUST initiate a DTLS handshake by sending a DTLS ClientHello message towards the offerer.

#### **5.4. Offerer Processing of the SDP Answer**

When an offerer receives an answer that contains an SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute with a 'new' value, and if the offerer becomes DTLS client (based on the value of the SDP 'setup' attribute value [[RFC4145](#)]), the offerer MUST establish a DTLS association. If the offerer becomes DTLS server, it MUST wait for the answerer to establish the DTLS association.

If the answer contains an SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute with an 'existing' value, the offerer will continue using the previously established DTLS association. It is considered an error case if the answer contains a 'dtls-connection' attribute with an 'existing' value, and a DTLS association does not exist.

An offerer needs to be able to handle error conditions that can occur during an offer/answer transaction, e.g. if an answer contains an SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute with an 'existing' value even if no DTLS association exists, or if the answer contains a new fingerprint value for an existing DTLS association. If such error case occurs, the offerer SHOULD terminate the associated DTLS association (if it exists) and send a new offer in order to terminate each media stream using the DTLS association, by setting the associated port value to zero [[RFC4145](#)].

#### **5.5. Modifying the Session**

When the offerer sends a subsequent offer, and if the offerer wants to establish a new DTLS association, the offerer MUST insert an SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute with a 'new' value in the offer. In addition, the offerer MUST insert an SDP 'setup' attribute according



to the procedures in [\[RFC4145\]](#), and one or more SDP 'fingerprint' attributes according to the procedures in [\[RFC4572\]](#), in the offer.

when the offerer sends a subsequent offer, and the offerer does not want to establish a new DTLS association, and if a previously established DTLS association exists, the offerer MUST insert an SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute with an 'existing' value in the offer. In addition, the offerer MUST insert an SDP 'setup' attribute with a value that does not change the previously negotiated DTLS roles, and one or more SDP 'fingerprint' attributes with values that do not change the previously sent fingerprints, in the offer.

NOTE: When a new DTLS association is established, each endpoint needs to be prepared to receive data on both the new and old DTLS associations as long as both are alive.

## **6. ICE Considerations**

When ICE is used, the ICE connectivity checks are performed before the DTLS handshake begins. Note that if aggressive nomination mode is used, multiple candidate pairs may be marked valid before ICE finally converges on a single candidate pair.

An ICE restart [\[RFC5245\]](#) does not by default require a new DTLS association to be established.

As defined in [\[RFC5763\]](#), each ICE candidate associated with a component is treated as being part of the same DTLS association. Therefore, from a DTLS perspective it is not considered a change of local transport parameters when an endpoint switches between those ICE candidates.

## **7. Transport Protocol Considerations**

### **7.1. Transport Re-Usage**

If DTLS is transported on top of a connection-oriented transport protocol (e.g. TCP or SCTP), where all IP packets are acknowledged, all DTLS packets associated with a previous DTLS association MUST be acknowledged (or timed out) before a new DTLS association can be established on the same transport.

## **8. SIP Considerations**

When the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) [\[RFC3261\]](#) is used as the signal protocol for establishing a multimedia session, dialogs [\[RFC3261\]](#) might be established between the caller and multiple callees. This is referred to as forking. If forking occurs,



separate DTLS associations MUST be established between the caller and each callee.

It is possible to send an INVITE request which does not contain an SDP offer. Such INVITE request is often referred to as an 'empty INVITE', or an 'offerless INVITE'. The receiving endpoint will include the SDP offer in a response associated with the response. When the endpoint generates such SDP offer, it MUST assign an SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute, with a 'new' value, to each 'm-' line that describes DTLS protected media. If ICE is used, the endpoint MUST allocate a new set of ICE candidates, in order to ensure that two DTLS association would not be running over the same transport.

## **9. RFC Updates**

### **9.1. General**

This section updates specifications that use DTLS-protected media, in order to reflect the procedures defined in this specification.

### **9.2. Update to [RFC 5763](#)**

Update to [section 5](#):

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## **5. Establishing a Secure Channel**

The two endpoints in the exchange present their identities as part of the DTLS handshake procedure using certificates. This document uses certificates in the same style as described in "Connection-Oriented Media Transport over the Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol in the Session Description Protocol (SDP)" [[RFC4572](#)].

If self-signed certificates are used, the content of the subjectAltName attribute inside the certificate MAY use the uniform resource identifier (URI) of the user. This is useful for debugging purposes only and is not required to bind the certificate to one of the communication endpoints. The integrity of the certificate is ensured through the fingerprint attribute in the SDP. The subjectAltName is not an important component of the certificate verification.

The generation of public/private key pairs is relatively expensive. Endpoints are not required to generate certificates for each session.



The offer/answer model, defined in [\[RFC3264\]](#), is used by protocols like the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) [\[RFC3261\]](#) to set up multimedia sessions. In addition to the usual contents of an SDP [\[RFC4566\]](#) message, each media description ("m=" line and associated parameters) will also contain several attributes as specified in [\[RFC5764\]](#), [\[RFC4145\]](#), and [\[RFC4572\]](#).

When an endpoint wishes to set up a secure media session with another endpoint, it sends an offer in a SIP message to the other endpoint. This offer includes, as part of the SDP payload, the fingerprint of the certificate that the endpoint wants to use. The endpoint SHOULD send the SIP message containing the offer to the offerer's SIP proxy over an integrity protected channel. The proxy SHOULD add an Identity header field according to the procedures outlined in [\[RFC4474\]](#). The SIP message containing the offer SHOULD be sent to the offerer's SIP proxy over an integrity protected channel. When the far endpoint receives the SIP message, it can verify the identity of the sender using the Identity header field. Since the Identity header field is a digital signature across several SIP header fields, in addition to the body of the SIP message, the receiver can also be certain that the message has not been tampered with after the digital signature was applied and added to the SIP message.

The far endpoint (answerer) may now establish a DTLS association with the offerer. Alternately, it can indicate in its answer that the offerer is to initiate the TLS association. In either case, mutual DTLS certificate-based authentication will be used. After completing the DTLS handshake, information about the authenticated identities, including the certificates, are made available to the endpoint application. The answerer is then able to verify that the offerer's certificate used for authentication in the DTLS handshake can be associated to the certificate fingerprint contained in the offer in the SDP. At this point, the answerer may indicate to the end user that the media is secured. The offerer may only tentatively accept the answerer's certificate since it may not yet have the answerer's certificate fingerprint.

When the answerer accepts the offer, it provides an answer back to the offerer containing the answerer's certificate fingerprint. At this point, the offerer can accept or reject the peer's certificate and the offerer can indicate to the end user that the media is secured.

Note that the entire authentication and key exchange for securing the media traffic is handled in the media path through DTLS. The signaling path is only used to verify the peers' certificate fingerprints.



The offer and answer MUST conform to the following requirements.

- o The endpoint MUST use the setup attribute defined in [\[RFC4145\]](#). The endpoint that is the offerer MUST use the setup attribute value of setup:actpass and be prepared to receive a client\_hello before it receives the answer. The answerer MUST use either a setup attribute value of setup:active or setup:passive. Note that if the answerer uses setup:passive, then the DTLS handshake will not begin until the answerer is received, which adds additional latency. setup:active allows the answer and the DTLS handshake to occur in parallel. Thus, setup:active is RECOMMENDED. Whichever party is active MUST initiate a DTLS handshake by sending a ClientHello over each flow (host/port quartet).
- o The endpoint MUST NOT use the connection attribute defined in [\[RFC4145\]](#).
- o The endpoint MUST use the certificate fingerprint attribute as specified in [\[RFC4572\]](#).
- o The certificate presented during the DTLS handshake MUST match the fingerprint exchanged via the signaling path in the SDP. The security properties of this mechanism are described in [Section 8](#).
- o If the fingerprint does not match the hashed certificate, then the endpoint MUST tear down the media session immediately. Note that it is permissible to wait until the other side's fingerprint has been received before establishing the connection; however, this may have undesirable latency effects.

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When the answerer accepts the offer, it provides an answer back to the offerer containing the answerer's certificate fingerprint. At this point, the offerer can accept or reject the peer's certificate and the offerer can indicate to the end user that the media is secured.

Note that the entire authentication and key exchange for securing the media traffic is handled in the media path through DTLS. The signaling path is only used to verify the peers' certificate fingerprints.



The offerer and answerer MUST follow the SDP offer/answer procedures defined in [RFCXXXX].

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#### **[6.6.](#) Session Modification**

Once an answer is provided to the offerer, either endpoint MAY request a session modification that MAY include an updated offer. This session modification can be carried in either an INVITE or UPDATE request. The peers can reuse the existing associations if they are compatible (i.e., they have the same key fingerprints and transport parameters), or establish a new one following the same rules as for initial exchanges, tearing down the existing association as soon as the offer/answer exchange is completed. Note that if the active/passive status of the endpoints changes, a new connection MUST be established.

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#### **[6.6.](#) Session Modification**

Once an answer is provided to the offerer, either endpoint MAY request a session modification that MAY include an updated offer. This session modification can be carried in either an INVITE or UPDATE request. The peers can reuse an existing DTLS association, or establish a new one, following the procedures in [RFCXXXX].

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#### **[6.7.1.](#) ICE Interaction**

Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE), as specified in [\[RFC5245\]](#), provides a methodology of allowing participants in multimedia sessions to verify mutual connectivity. When ICE is being used, the ICE connectivity checks are performed before the DTLS handshake begins. Note that if aggressive nomination mode is used, multiple candidate pairs may be marked valid before ICE finally converges on a single candidate pair. Implementations MUST treat all ICE candidate pairs associated with a single component as part of the same DTLS association. Thus, there will be only one DTLS handshake



even if there are multiple valid candidate pairs. Note that this may mean adjusting the endpoint IP addresses if the selected candidate pair shifts, just as if the DTLS packets were an ordinary media stream.

Note that Simple Traversal of the UDP Protocol through NAT (STUN) packets are sent directly over UDP, not over DTLS. [RFC5764] describes how to demultiplex STUN packets from DTLS packets and SRTP packets.

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#### **6.7.1. ICE Interaction**

The Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) [RFC5245] considerations for DTLS-protected media are described in [RFCXXXX].

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#### **9.3. Update to RFC 7345**

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### **4. SDP Offerer/Answerer Procedures**

#### **4.1. General**

An endpoint (i.e., both the offerer and the answerer) MUST create an SDP media description ("m=" line) for each UDPTL-over-DTLS media stream and MUST assign a UDP/TLS/UDPTL value (see Table 1) to the "proto" field of the "m=" line.

The procedures in this section apply to an "m=" line associated with a UDPTL-over-DTLS media stream.

In order to negotiate a UDPTL-over-DTLS media stream, the following SDP attributes are used:

- o The SDP attributes defined for UDPTL over UDP, as described in



[ITU.T38.2010]; and

- o The SDP attributes, defined in [RFC4145] and [RFC4572], as described in this section.

The endpoint MUST NOT use the SDP "connection" attribute [RFC4145].

In order to negotiate the TLS roles for the UDPTL-over-DTLS transport connection, the endpoint MUST use the SDP "setup" attribute [RFC4145].

If the endpoint supports, and is willing to use, a cipher suite with an associated certificate, the endpoint MUST include an SDP "fingerprint" attribute [RFC4572]. The endpoint MUST support SHA-256 for generating and verifying the SDP "fingerprint" attribute value. The use of SHA-256 is preferred. UDPTL over DTLS, at a minimum, MUST support TLS\_DHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256 and MUST support TLS\_ECDHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256. UDPTL over DTLS MUST prefer TLS\_ECDHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256 and any other Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS) cipher suites over non-PFS cipher suites. Implementations SHOULD disable TLS-level compression.

If a cipher suite with an associated certificate is selected during the DTLS handshake, the certificate received during the DTLS handshake MUST match the fingerprint received in the SDP "fingerprint" attribute. If the fingerprint does not match the hashed certificate, then the endpoint MUST tear down the media session immediately. Note that it is permissible to wait until the other side's fingerprint has been received before establishing the connection; however, this may have undesirable latency effects.

#### **4.2. Generating the Initial Offer**

The offerer SHOULD assign the SDP "setup" attribute with a value of "actpass", unless the offerer insists on being either the sender or receiver of the DTLS ClientHello message, in which case the offerer can use either a value of "active" (the offerer will be the sender of ClientHello) or "passive" (the offerer will be the receiver of ClientHello). The offerer MUST NOT assign an SDP "setup" attribute with a "holdconn" value.

If the offerer assigns the SDP "setup" attribute with a value of "actpass" or "passive", the offerer MUST be prepared to receive a DTLS ClientHello message before it receives the SDP answer.

#### **4.3. Generating the Answer**

If the answerer accepts the offered UDPTL-over-DTLS transport



connection, in the associated SDP answer, the answerer MUST assign an SDP "setup" attribute with a value of either "active" or "passive", according to the procedures in [RFC4145]. The answerer MUST NOT assign an SDP "setup" attribute with a value of "holdconn".

If the answerer assigns an SDP "setup" attribute with a value of "active" value, the answerer MUST initiate a DTLS handshake by sending a DTLS ClientHello message on the negotiated media stream, towards the IP address and port of the offerer.

#### **4.4. Offerer Processing of the Answer**

When the offerer receives an SDP answer, if the offerer ends up being active it MUST initiate a DTLS handshake by sending a DTLS ClientHello message on the negotiated media stream, towards the IP address and port of the answerer.

#### **4.5. Modifying the Session**

Once an offer/answer exchange has been completed, either endpoint MAY send a new offer in order to modify the session. The endpoints can reuse the existing DTLS association if the key fingerprint values and transport parameters indicated by each endpoint are unchanged. Otherwise, following the rules for the initial offer/answer exchange, the endpoints can negotiate and create a new DTLS association and, once created, delete the previous DTLS association, following the same rules for the initial offer/answer exchange. Each endpoint needs to be prepared to receive data on both the new and old DTLS associations as long as both are alive.

NEW TEXT:

### **4. SDP Offerer/Answerer Procedures**

An endpoint (i.e., both the offerer and the answerer) MUST create an SDP media description ("m=" line) for each UDPTL-over-DTLS media stream and MUST assign a UDP/TLS/UDPTL value (see Table 1) to the "proto" field of the "m=" line.

The offerer and answerer MUST follow the SDP offer/answer procedures defined in [RFCXXXX] in order to negotiate the DTLS association associated with the UDPTL-over-DTLS media stream. In addition, the offerer and answerer MUST use the SDP attributes defined for UDPTL over UDP, as defined in [ITU.T38.2010].

Update to [section 5.2.1](#):

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OLD TEXT:

#### **5.2.1. ICE Usage**

When Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) [[RFC5245](#)] is being used, the ICE connectivity checks are performed before the DTLS handshake begins. Note that if aggressive nomination mode is used, multiple candidate pairs may be marked valid before ICE finally converges on a single candidate pair. User Agents (UAs) MUST treat all ICE candidate pairs associated with a single component as part of the same DTLS association. Thus, there will be only one DTLS handshake even if there are multiple valid candidate pairs. Note that this may mean adjusting the endpoint IP addresses if the selected candidate pair shifts, just as if the DTLS packets were an ordinary media stream. In the case of an ICE restart, the DTLS handshake procedure is repeated, and a new DTLS association is created. Once the DTLS handshake is completed and the new DTLS association has been created, the previous DTLS association is deleted.

NEW TEXT:

#### **5.2.1. ICE Usage**

The Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) [[RFC5245](#)] considerations for DTLS-protected media are described in [[RFCXXXX](#)].

### **10. Security Considerations**

This specification does not modify the security considerations associated with DTLS, or the SDP offer/answer mechanism. In addition to the introduction of the SDP 'dtls-connection' attribute, the specification simply clarifies the procedures for negotiating and establishing a DTLS association.

### **11. IANA Considerations**

This document updates the "Session Description Protocol Parameters" registry as specified in [Section 8.2.2 of \[RFC4566\]](#). Specifically, it adds the SDP dtls-connection attribute to the table for SDP media level attributes.



Attribute name: dtls-connection

Type of attribute: media-level

Subject to charset: no

Purpose: Indicate whether a new DTLS association is to be established/re-established.

Appropriate Values: see [Section 4](#)

Contact name: Christer Holmberg

Category: IDENTICAL

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## **13. Change Log**

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Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-08](#)

- o Offer/Answer section modified in order to allow sending of multiple SDP 'fingerprint' attributes.
- o Terminology made consistent: 'DTLS connection' replaced with 'DTLS association'.
- o Editorial changes based on comments from Paul Kyzivat.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-07](#)

- o Reference to [RFC 7315](#) replaced with reference to [RFC 7345](#).

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-06](#)

- o Text on restrictions regarding spanning a DTLS association over multiple transports added.
- o Mux category added to IANA Considerations.
- o Normative text regarding mux category and source-specific applicability added.
- o Reference to [RFC 7315](#) added.
- o Clarified that offerer/answerer that has not been updated to support this specification will not include the dtls-connection attribute in offers and answers.



- o Editorial corrections based on WGLC comments from Charles Eckel.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-05](#)

- o Text on handling offer/answer error conditions added.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-04](#)

- o Editorial nits fixed based on comments from Paul Kyzivat:

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-03](#)

- o Changes based on comments from Paul Kyzivat:

- o - Modification of dtls-connection attribute section.

- o - Removal of IANA considerations subsection.

- o - Making note into normative text in o/a section.

- o Changes based on comments from Martin Thompson:

- o - Abbreviations section removed.

- o - Clarify that a new DTLS association requires a new o/a transaction.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-02](#)

- o - Updated RFCs added to boilerplate.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-01](#)

- o - Annex regarding 'dtls-connection-id' attribute removed.

- o - Additional SDP offer/answer procedures, related to certificates, added.

- o - Updates to [RFC 5763](#) and [RFC 7345](#) added.

- o - Transport protocol considerations added.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-00](#)

- o - SDP 'connection' attribute replaced with new 'dtls-connection' attribute.

- o - IANA Considerations added.



- o - E-mail regarding 'dtls-connection-id' attribute added as Annex.

Changes from [draft-holmberg-mmusic-sdp-dtls-01](#)

- o - [draft-ietf-mmusic](#) version of draft submitted.
- o - Draft file name change (sdp-dtls -> dtls-sdp) due to collision with another expired draft.
- o - Clarify that if ufrag in offer is unchanged, it must be unchanged in associated answer.
- o - SIP Considerations section added.
- o - Section about multiple SDP fingerprint attributes added.

Changes from [draft-holmberg-mmusic-sdp-dtls-00](#)

- o - Editorial changes and clarifications.

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