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**Session Description Protocol (SDP) Offer/Answer Considerations for  
Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) and Transport Layer Security  
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**Abstract**

This document defines the Session Description Protocol (SDP) offer/answer procedures for negotiating and establishing a Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) association. The document also defines the criteria for when a new DTLS association must be established. The document updates [RFC 5763](#) and [RFC 7345](#), by replacing common SDP offer/answer procedures with a reference to this specification.

This document defines a new SDP media-level attribute, 'tls-id'.

This document also defines how the 'tls-id' attribute can be used for negotiating and establishing a Transport Layer Security (TLS) connection, in conjunction with the procedures in [RFC 4145](#) and [RFC 8122](#).

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## [1.](#) Introduction

[RFC5763] defines Session Description Protocol (SDP) offer/answer procedures for Secure Realtime Transport Protocol Using Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS-SRTP). [RFC7345] defines SDP offer/answer procedures for UDP Transport Layer over Datagram Transport Layer Security (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]. The document updates [RFC5763] and [RFC7345], by replacing common SDP offer/answer procedures with a reference to this specification.

NOTE: Since the publication of [RFC5763], [RFC4474] has been obsoleted by [I-D.ietf-stir-rfc4474bis]. The updating of the references (and the associated procedures) within [RFC5763] is outside the scope of this document. However, implementers of [RFC5763] applications are encouraged to implement [I-D.ietf-stir-rfc4474bis] instead of [RFC4474].

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) [I-D.ietf-ice-rfc5245bis] is used. One possible way to determine a transport change is based on ufrag [I-D.ietf-ice-rfc5245bis] change, but the ufrag value is changed both when ICE is negotiated and when ICE restart [I-D.ietf-ice-rfc5245bis] occurs. These events do not always require a new DTLS association to be established, but previously there was no way to explicitly indicate in an SDP offer or answer whether a new DTLS association is required. To solve that problem, this document defines a new SDP attribute, 'tls-id'. The pair of SDP 'tls-id' attribute values (the attribute values of the offerer and the answerer) uniquely identifies the DTLS association. Providing a new value of the 'tls-id' attribute in an SDP offer or answers can be used to indicate whether a new DTLS association is to be established.

The SDP 'tls-id' attribute can be specified when negotiating a Transport Layer Security (TLS) connection, using the procedures in this document in conjunction with the procedures in [RFC5763] and



[RFC8122]. The unique combination of SDP 'tls-id' attribute values can be used to identify the negotiated TLS connection. The unique value can be used, for example, within TLS protocol extensions to differentiate between multiple TLS connections and correlate those connections with specific offer/answer exchanges. The TLS specific considerations are described in [Section 7](#).

## **2. Conventions**

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [BCP 14](#) [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

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

### **3.1. General**

A new DTLS association must be established between two endpoints after a successful SDP offer/answer exchange in the following cases:

- o The negotiated DTLS setup roles change; or
- o One or more fingerprint values are modified, added or removed in either an SDP offer or answer; or
- o The intent to establish a new DTLS association is explicitly signaled using SDP, by changing the value of the SDP 'tls-id' attribute defined in this document;

NOTE: The first two items above are based on the procedures in [RFC5763]. This specification adds the support for explicit signaling using the SDP 'tls-id' attribute.

A new DTLS association can only be established as a result of the successful SDP offer/answer exchange. Whenever an entity determines that a new DTLS association is required, the entity MUST initiate an SDP offer/answer exchange, following the procedures in [Section 5](#).

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

In this document, a "new DTLS association" between two endpoints refers to either an initial DTLS association (when no DTLS association is currently established between the endpoints) or an DTLS association replacing a previously established DTLS association.



### **[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 local SDP 'tls-id' attribute value (see [Section 4](#)).

If the underlying transport protocol prohibits a DTLS association from spanning multiple 5-tuples (transport/source address/source port/destination address/destination port), and if the 5-tuple is changed, the endpoint MUST change its local SDP 'tls-id' attribute value (see [Section 4](#)). An example of such a case is when DTLS is carried over the Stream Control Transmission Protocol (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 change its local SDP 'tls-id' attribute value (see [Section 4](#)).

## **[4.](#) SDP tls-id Attribute**

The pair of SDP 'tls-id' attribute values (the attribute values of the offerer and the answerer) uniquely identifies the DTLS association or TLS connection.





Name: tls-id

Value: tls-id-value

Usage Level: media

Charset Dependent: no

Default Value: N/A

Syntax:

tls-id-value = 20\*255(tls-id-char)

tls-id-char = ALPHA / DIGIT / "+" / "/" / "-" / "\_"

<ALPHA and DIGIT defined in [[RFC4566](#)]>

Example:

a=tls-id:abc3de65cddef001be82

Every time an endpoint requests to establish a new DTLS association, the endpoint MUST generate a new local 'tls-id' attribute value. A non-changed local 'tls-id' attribute value, in combination with non-changed fingerprints, indicates that the endpoint intends to reuse the existing DTLS association.

The 'tls-id' attribute value MUST be generated using a strong random function and include at least 120 bits of randomness.

No default value is defined for the SDP 'tls-id' 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 a 'tls-id' attribute (this could happen if the offerer or answerer represents an existing implementation that has not been updated to support the 'tls-id' attribute), unless there is another mechanism to explicitly indicate that a new DTLS association is to be established, a modification of one or more of the following characteristics MUST be treated as an indication that an endpoint wants to establish a new DTLS association:

- o DTLS setup role; or
- o fingerprint set; or
- o local transport parameters



NOTE: A modification of the ufrag value is not treated as an indication that an endpoint wants to establish a new DTLS association. In order to indicate that a new DTLS association is to be established, one or more of the characteristics listed above have to be modified.

The mux category [[I-D.ietf-mmusic-sdp-mux-attributes](#)] for the 'tls-id' attribute is 'IDENTICAL', which means that the attribute value applies to all media descriptions being multiplexed [[I-D.ietf-mmusic-sdp-bundle-negotiation](#)]. However, as described in [[I-D.ietf-mmusic-sdp-bundle-negotiation](#)], in order to avoid duplication the attribute is only associated with the "m=" line representing the offerer/answerer BUNDLE-tag.

For RTP-based media, the 'tls-id' attribute applies to the 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., DTLS-SRTP) 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 DTLS-SRTP [[RFC5763](#)], with the addition of usage of the SDP 'tls-id' attribute. That document is herein updated to make use of these new procedures.

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

When an offerer or answerer indicates that it wants to establish a new DTLS association, it needs to make sure that media packets associated with any previously established DTLS association and the new DTLS association can be de-multiplexed. In case of an ordered transport (e.g., SCTP) this can be done simply by sending packets for the new DTLS association after all packets associated with a previously established DTLS association has been sent. In case of an unordered transport, such as UDP, packets associated with a previously established DTLS association can arrive after the answer



SDP was received and after the first packets associated with the new DTLS association were received. The only way to de-multiplex packets associated with a previously established DTLS association and the new DTLS association is on the basis of the 5-tuple. Because of this, if an unordered transport is used for the DTLS association, a new 3-tuple (transport/source address/source port) MUST be allocated by at least one of the endpoints so that DTLS packets can be de-multiplexed.

When an offerer needs to establish a new DTLS association, and if an unordered transport (e.g., UDP) is used, the offerer MUST allocate a new 3-tuple for the offer in such a way that the offerer can disambiguate any packets associated with the new DTLS association from any packets associated with any other DTLS association. This typically means using a local address and/or port, or a set of ICE candidates (see [Section 6](#)), which were not recently used for any other DTLS association.

When an answerer needs to establish a new DTLS association, if an unordered transport is used, and if the offerer did not allocate a new 3-tuple, the answerer MUST allocate a new 3-tuple for the answer in such a way that it can disambiguate any packets associated with the new DTLS association from any packets associated with any other DTLS association. This typically means using a local address and/or port, or a set of ICE candidates (see [Section 6](#)), which were not recently used for any other DTLS association.

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 [\[RFC8122\]](#), is used to provide one or more fingerprint values; and
- o The SDP 'tls-id' attribute, defined in this specification, is used to identify the DTLS association.

This specification does not define the usage of the SDP 'connection' attribute [\[RFC4145\]](#) for negotiating a DTLS association. 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 the hash functions as defined in [\[RFC8122\]](#).

The certificate received during the DTLS handshake [\[RFC6347\]](#) MUST match a certificate fingerprint received in SDP 'fingerprint' attributes according to the procedures defined in [\[RFC8122\]](#). If fingerprints do not match the hashed certificate, then an endpoint MUST tear down the media session immediately (see [\[RFC8122\]](#)).

SDP offerers and answerers might reuse certificates across multiple DTLS associations, and provide identical fingerprint values for each DTLS association. The combination of the SDP 'tls-id' attribute values of the SDP offerer and answerer identifies each individual DTLS association.

NOTE: There are cases where the SDP 'tls-id' attribute value generated by the offerer will end up being used for multiple DTLS associations. For that reason the combination of the attribute values of the offerer and answerer is needed in order to identify a DTLS association. An example of such case is where the offerer sends an updated offer ([Section 5.5](#)), without modifying its attribute value, but the answerer determines that a new DTLS association is to be created. The answerer will generate a new local attribute value for the new DTLS association ([Section 5.3](#)), while the offerer will use the same attribute value that it used for the current association. Another example is when the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) [\[RFC3261\]](#) is used for signalling, and an offer is forked to multiple answerers. The attribute value generated by the offerer will be used for DTLS associations established by each answerer.

## **[5.2.](#) Generating the Initial SDP Offer**

When an offerer sends the initial offer, the offerer MUST insert an SDP 'setup' attribute [\[RFC4145\]](#) with an 'actpass' attribute value, and one or more SDP 'fingerprint' attributes according to the procedures in [\[RFC8122\]](#). In addition, the offerer MUST insert in the offer an SDP 'tls-id' attribute with a unique attribute value.

As the offerer inserts the SDP 'setup' attribute with an 'actpass' attribute value, the offerer MUST be prepared to receive a DTLS ClientHello message [\[RFC6347\]](#) (if a new DTLS association is established by the answerer) from the answerer before the offerer receives the SDP answer.

If the offerer receives a DTLS ClientHello message, and a DTLS association is established, before the offerer receives the SDP Answer carrying the fingerprint associated with the DTLS association, any data received on the DTLS association before the fingerprint MUST be considered coming from an unverified source. The processing of





such data, and sending of data by the offerer to the unverified source, is outside the scope of this document.

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

When an answerer sends an answer, the answerer MUST insert in the answer an SDP 'setup' attribute according to the procedures in [\[RFC4145\]](#), and one or more SDP 'fingerprint' attributes according to the procedures in [\[RFC8122\]](#). If the answerer determines, based on the criteria specified in [Section 3.1](#), that a new DTLS association is to be established, the answerer MUST insert in the associated answer an SDP 'tls-id' attribute with a new unique attribute value. Note that the offerer and answerer generate their own local 'tls-id' attribute values, and the combination of both values identify the DTLS association.

If the answerer receives an offer that requires establishment of a new DTLS association, 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 does not require the establishment of a new DTLS association, and if the answerer determines that a new DTLS association is not to be established, the answerer MUST insert an SDP 'tls-id' attribute with the previously assigned attribute value in the associated answer. In addition, the answerer MUST insert an SDP 'setup' attribute with an attribute 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 fingerprint set, in the associated answer.

If the answerer receives an offer that does not contain an SDP 'tls-id' attribute, the answerer MUST NOT insert a 'tls-id' 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' attribute value in the answer, the answerer MUST initiate a DTLS handshake [\[RFC6347\]](#) by sending a DTLS ClientHello message towards the offerer.

Even though an offerer is required to insert an 'SDP' setup attribute with an 'actpass' attribute value in initial offers ([Section 5.2](#)) and subsequent offers ([Section 5.5](#)), the answerer MUST be able to receive initial and subsequent offers with other attribute values, in order to be backward compatible with older implementations that might insert other attribute values in initial and subsequent offers.



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

When an offerer receives an answer that establishes a new DTLS association based on criteria defined in [Section 3.1](#), 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 offerer indicated a desire to reuse an existing DTLS association and the answerer does not request the establishment of a new DTLS association, the offerer will continue to use the previously established DTLS association.

A new DTLS association can be established based on changes in either an SDP offer or answer. When communicating with legacy endpoints, an offerer can receive an answer that includes the same fingerprint set and setup role. A new DTLS association will still be established if such an answer was received as a response to an offer which requested the establishment of a new DTLS association, as the transport parameters would have been changed in the offer.

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

When an offerer sends a subsequent offer, and if the offerer wants to establish a new DTLS association, the offerer MUST insert an SDP 'setup' attribute [\[RFC4145\]](#) with an 'actpass' attribute value, and one or more SDP 'fingerprint' attributes according to the procedures in [\[RFC8122\]](#). In addition, the offerer MUST insert in the offer an SDP 'tls-id' attribute with a new unique attribute value.

When an 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 'setup' attribute with an 'actpass' attribute value, and one or more SDP 'fingerprint' attributes with attribute values that do not change the previously sent fingerprint set, in the offer. In addition, the offerer MUST insert an SDP 'tls-id' attribute with the previously assigned attribute value in the offer.

NOTE: When a new DTLS association is being 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 the Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) mechanism [[I-D.ietf-ice-rfc5245bis](#)] 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.

NOTE: Aggressive nomination has been deprecated from ICE, but must still be supported for backwards compatibility reasons [[I-D.ietf-ice-rfc5245bis](#)].

When a new DTLS association is established over an unordered transport, in order to disambiguate any packets associated with the newly established DTLS association, at least one of the endpoints MUST allocate a completely new set of ICE candidates which were not recently used for any other DTLS association. This means the answerer cannot initiate a new DTLS association unless the offerer initiated ICE restart [[I-D.ietf-ice-rfc5245bis](#)]. If the answerer wants to initiate a new DTLS association, it needs to initiate an ICE restart and a new offer/answer exchange on its own. However, an ICE restart does not by default require a new DTLS association to be established.

NOTE: Simple Traversal of the UDP Protocol through NAT (STUN) packets are sent directly over UDP, not over DTLS. [[RFC7983](#)] describes how to demultiplex STUN packets from DTLS packets and SRTP packets.

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. TLS Considerations**

The procedures in this document can also be used for negotiating and establishing a TLS connection, with the restriction described below.

As specified in [[RFC4145](#)], the SDP 'connection' attribute is used to indicate whether to establish a new TLS connection. An offerer and answerer MUST ensure that the 'connection' attribute value and the 'tls-id' attribute value does not cause a conflict regarding whether a new TLS connection is to be established or not.

NOTE: Even though the SDP 'connection' attribute can be used to indicate whether a new TLS connection is to be established, the unique combination of SDP 'tls-id' attribute values can be used to identify a TLS connection. The unique value can be used e.g., within



TLS protocol extensions to differentiate between multiple TLS connections and correlate those connections with specific offer/answer exchanges. One such extension is defined in [\[I-D.ietf-mmusic-sdp-uks\]](#).

If an offerer or answerer inserts an SDP 'connection' attribute with a 'new' value in the offer/answer and also inserts an SDP 'tls-id' attribute, the value of 'tls-id' attribute MUST be new and unique.

If an offerer or answerer inserts an SDP 'connection' attribute with a 'existing' value in the offer/answer, if a previously established TLS connection exists, and if the offerer/answerer previously inserted an SDP 'tls-id' attribute associated with the same TLS connection in an offer/answer, the offerer/answerer MUST also insert an SDP 'tls-id' attribute with the previously assigned value in the offer/answer.

If an offerer or answerer receives an offer/answer with conflicting attribute values, the offerer/answerer MUST process the offer/answer as malformed.

An endpoint MUST NOT make assumptions regarding the support of the SDP 'tls-id' attribute by the peer. Therefore, to avoid ambiguity, both offerers and answerers MUST always use the 'connection' attribute in conjunction with the 'tls-id' attribute.

NOTE: As defined in [\[RFC4145\]](#), if the SDP 'connection' attribute is not explicitly present, the implicit default value is 'new'.

The SDP example below is based on the example in [section 3.4 of \[RFC8122\]](#), with the addition of the SDP 'tls-id' attribute.

```
m=image 54111 TCP/TLS t38
c=IN IP4 192.0.2.2
a=tls-id:abc3de65cddef001be82
a=setup:passive
a=connection:new
a=fingerprint:SHA-256 \
  12:DF:3E:5D:49:6B:19:E5:7C:AB:4A:AD:B9:B1:3F:82:18:3B:54:02:12:DF: \
  3E:5D:49:6B:19:E5:7C:AB:4A:AD
a=fingerprint:SHA-1 \
  4A:AD:B9:B1:3F:82:18:3B:54:02:12:DF:3E:5D:49:6B:19:E5:7C:AB
```





## **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 will be established between the caller and each callee.

When forking occurs, an SDP offerer can receive DTLS ClientHello messages and SDP answerers from multiple remote locations. Because of this, the offerer might have to wait for multiple SDP answers (from different remote locations) until it receives a certificate fingerprint that matches the certificate associated with a specific DTLS handshake. The offerer **MUST NOT** declare a fingerprint mismatch until it determines that it will not receive SDP answers from any additional remote locations.

It is possible to send an INVITE request which does not contain an SDP offer. Such an INVITE request is often referred to as an 'empty INVITE', or an 'offer-less INVITE'. The receiving endpoint will include the SDP offer in a response to the request. When the endpoint generates such SDP offer, if a previously established DTLS association exists, the offerer **MUST** insert an SDP 'tls-id' attribute, and one or more SDP 'fingerprint' attributes, with previously assigned attribute values. If a previously established DTLS association did not exist, the offer **MUST** be generated based on the same rules as a new offer (see [Section 5.2](#)). Regardless of the previous existence of a DTLS association, the SDP 'setup' attribute **MUST** be included according to the rules defined in [[RFC4145](#)]. Furthermore, if ICE is used, according to the third party call control considerations described in [[I-D.ietf-mmusic-ice-sip-sdp](#)], ICE restart **MUST** be initiated.

## **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](#)**

#### **9.2.1. Update to [section 1](#)**

The reference to [[RFC4572](#)] is replaced with a reference to [[RFC8122](#)].



### **9.2.2. Update to [section 5](#)**

The text in [section 5](#) (Establishing a Secure Channel) is modified by replacing generic SDP offer/answer procedures for DTLS with a reference to this specification:

#### **NEW TEXT:**

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)" [[RFC8122](#)].

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 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.

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, a fingerprint of a 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](#)]. 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 DTLS 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 a 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 offerer and answerer MUST follow the SDP offer/answer procedures defined in [RFCXXXX].

#### **9.2.3. Update to [section 6.6](#)**

The text in [section 6.6](#) (Session Modification) is modified by replacing generic SDP offer/answer procedures for DTLS with a reference to this specification:

NEW TEXT:

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].

#### **9.2.4. Update to [section 6.7.1](#)**

The text in [section 6.7.1](#) (ICE Interaction) is modified by replacing the ICE procedures with a reference to this specification:



NEW TEXT:

The Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) [[I-D.ietf-ice-rfc5245bis](#)] considerations for DTLS-protected media are described in [RFCXXXX].

### **9.3. Update to [RFC 7345](#)**

#### **9.3.1. Update to [section 4](#)**

The subsections (4.1.-4.5.) in [section 4](#) (SDP Offerer/Answerer Procedures) are removed, and replaced with the new text below:

NEW TEXT:

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](#)].

#### **9.3.2. Update to [section 5.2.1](#)**

The text in [section 5.2.1](#) (ICE Usage) is modified by replacing the ICE procedures with a reference to this specification:

NEW TEXT:

The Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) [[I-D.ietf-ice-rfc5245bis](#)] considerations for DTLS-protected media are described in [RFCXXXX].

[RFC EDITOR NOTE: Throughout the document, please replace RFCXXXX with the RFC number of this document.]





### **9.3.3. Update to [section 10.1](#)**

A reference to [\[RFC8122\]](#) is added to [section 10.1](#) (Normative References):

NEW TEXT:

[RFC8122] Lennox, J. and C. Holmberg, "Connection-Oriented Media Transport over the Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol in the Session Description Protocol (SDP)", [RFC 8122](#), DOI 10.17487/RFC8122, March 2017, <<http://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc8122>>.

## **[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 'tls-id' attribute, the specification simply clarifies the procedures for negotiating and establishing a DTLS association.

This specification does not modify the actual TLS connection setup procedures. The SDP 'tls-is' attribute as such cannot be used to correlate an SDP Offer/Answer exchange with a TLS connection setup. Thus, this draft does not introduce new security considerations related to correlating an SDP Offer/Answer exchange with a TLS connection setup.

## **[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 'tls-id' attribute to the table for SDP media level attributes.

Attribute name: tls-id  
Type of attribute: media-level  
Subject to charset: no  
Purpose: Indicates whether a new DTLS association or TLS connection is to be established/re-established.  
Appropriate Values: see [Section 4](#)  
Contact name: Christer Holmberg  
Mux Category: IDENTICAL



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## **13. Change Log**

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Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-31](#)

- o Changes based on IESG comments from Eric R

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-30](#)

- o Changes based on IESG comments from Mirja K

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-29](#)

- o Removal of ufrag value change as a trigger for a new DTLS association

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-28](#)

- o Changes based on IESG review by Adam Roach, Eric Rescorla, Alexey Melnikov and Mirja Kuhlewind:

- o - Document title changed
- o - Transport Protocol Considerations section removed
- o - Additional text to Security Considerations section
- o - Editorial changes

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-27](#)

- o Reference fixes based on Gen-ART review by Paul Kyzivat.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-26](#)

- o Editorial fixes based on Gen-ART review by Paul Kyzivat.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-25](#)

- o Minor editorial nits.



Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-24](#)

- o Changes based on 2nd WGLC comments from Roman S and Martin T:
- o - RFC update structure shortened (old text removed).
- o - Guidance regarding receiving ClientHello before SDP answer added.
- o - Additional SIP considerations regarding forking.
- o - SDP setup attribute value restriction in initial and subsequent offers based on comment from Ekr.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-23](#)

- o Editorial change to make it clear that the document does not modify the procedures in [RFC 8122](#).

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-22](#)

- o Support for TLS added.
- o Editorial changes based on sec-dir review by Rich Salz.
- o Editorial changes based on gen-art review by Paul Kyzivat.
- o Editorial changes based on ops-dir review by Carlos Pignataro.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-21](#)

- o Changes based on AD review by Ben Campbell.
- o (<https://www.ietf.org/mail-archive/web/mmusic/current/msg17707.html>)

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-20](#)

- o Change to length and randomness of tls-id attribute value.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-19](#)

- o Change based on comment from Roman.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-18](#)

- o Changes based on comments from Flemming.



- o - Change in tls-id value definition.
- o - Editorial fixes.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-17](#)

- o Reference fix.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-16](#)

- o Editorial changes based on 2nd WGLC comments from Christian Groves and Nevenka Biondic.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-15](#)

- o tls-id attribute value made globally unique

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-14](#)

- o Changes based on comments from Flemming:
- o - Additional dtls-is clarifications
- o - Editorial fixes

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-13](#)

- o Text about the updated RFCs added to Abstract and Introduction
- o Reference to [RFC 5763](#) removed from [section 6](#) (ICE Considerations)
- o Reference to [RFC 5763](#) removed from [section 8](#) (SIP Considerations)

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-12](#)

- o "unreliable" changed to "unordered"

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-11](#)

- o Attribute name changed to tls-id
- o Additional text based on comments from Roman Shpount.

Changes from [draft-ietf-mmusic-sdp-dtls-10](#)

- o Modified document to use tls-id instead of dtls-connection





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- o Changes are based on comments from Eric Rescorla, Justin Uberti, and Paul Kyzivat.

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 tls-id 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 tls-id attribute section.



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- 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 'tls-id-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 'tls-id' attribute.
- o - IANA Considerations added.
- o - E-mail regarding 'tls-id-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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