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**RTCP XR Report Block for TS Decodability Statistics Metric reporting  
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**Abstract**

Transport Stream is a standard container format used in the transmission and storage of multimedia data. Unicast/Multicast/Broadcast MPEG-TS over RTP is widely adopted in the IPTV deployment. This document defines an RTCP XR Report Block that allows the reporting of decodability statistics metrics related to transmissions of MPEG-TS over RTP.

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## **1. Introduction**

The European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) has defined a set of syntax and information consistency tests and resulting indicators [[ETSI](#)] recommended for the monitoring of MPEG-2 Transport Streams (TS) [[ISO-IEC.13818-1.2007](#)]. The tests and corresponding indicators are grouped according to priority:

- o First priority - Necessary for de-codability (basic monitoring)
- o Second priority - Recommended for continuous or periodic monitoring
- o Third priority - Recommended for application-dependant monitoring

This draft is based on information consistency tests and resulting indicators in the [[ETSI](#)] and defines a new block type to augment those defined in [[RFC3611](#)] for use with Transport Stream (TS) [[ISO-IEC.13818-1.2007](#)]. The new block type supports reporting of the number of each indicator in the first and second priority; third priority indicators are not supported. This new block type can be useful for measuring content stream or TS quality by checking TS header information [[ETSI](#)] and identifying the existence, and characterizing the severity, of bitstream packetization problem which may affect users' perception of a service delivered over RTP; it may also be useful for verifying the continued correct operation of an existing system management.

The new report block is in compliance with the monitoring architecture specified in [[MONARCH](#)] and the Performance Metrics Framework [[RFC6390](#)]. The metric is applicable to any type of RTP application that uses TS standard format for container of multimedia data, for example MPEG4 TS content over RTP.

## **2. Terminology**

### **2.1. Standards Language**

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 [RFC 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

## **3. TR 101 290 Decodability Statistics Metric Report Block**

This block reports decodability statistics metrics beyond the information carried in the standard RTCP packet format. It defines eight metrics based on ETSI TR 101 290. Information is reported about basic monitoring parameters necessary to ensure that the TS can



be decoded including:

- o Transport Stream Synchronization Losses
- o Sync byte errors
- o Continuity count errors

and continuous monitoring parameters including:

- o Transport errors
- o Program Clock Reference (PCR) errors
- o PCR repetition errors
- o PCR discontinuity indicator errors
- o Presentation Time Stamp (PTS) errors

The other parameters are ignored since they are not applied to all the MPEG implementations. For further information on these parameters, see [\[ETSI\]](#)

The Decodability Metrics Block has the following format:

0										1										2										3									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1								
BT=TBD										rvd										block length																			
SSRC of source																																							
begin_seq															end_seq																								
Number of TSs																																							
TS_sync_loss_count																																							
Sync_byte_error_count																																							
Continuity_count_error_count																																							
Transport_error_count																																							
PCR_error_count																																							
PCR_repetition_error_count																																							
PCR_discontinuity_indicator_error_count																																							
PTS_error_count																																							



block type (BT): 8 bits

A TR 101 290 decodability metrics report block is identified by the constant <TDM>.

rvd: 8 bits

This field is reserved for future definition. In the absence of such a definition, the bits in this field MUST be set to zero and SHOULD be ignored by the receiver.

block length: 16 bits

The constant 11, in accordance with the definition of this field in [Section 3 of RFC 3611](#) [[RFC3611](#)].

SSRC of source: 32 bits

As defined in [Section 4.1 of \[RFC3611\]](#).

begin\_seq: 16 bits

As defined in [Section 4.1 of \[RFC3611\]](#).

end\_seq: 16 bits

As defined in [Section 4.1 of \[RFC3611\]](#).

Number of TSs: 32 bits

Number of TS in the above sequence number interval.

TS\_sync\_loss\_count: 32 bits

Number of TS\_sync\_loss errors in the above sequence number interval.

Sync\_byte\_error\_count: 32 bits

Number of sync\_byte\_errors in the above sequence number interval.

Continuity\_count\_error\_count: 32 bits

Number of Continuity\_count\_errors in the above sequence number interval.



Transport\_error\_count: 32 bits

Number of Transport\_errors in the above sequence number interval.

PCR\_error\_count: 32 bits

Number of PCR\_errors in the above sequence number interval.

PCR\_repetition\_error\_count: 32 bits

Number of PCR\_repetition\_errors in the above sequence number interval.

PCR\_discontinuity\_indicator\_error\_count: 32 bits

Number of PCR\_discontinuity\_indicator\_errors in the above sequence number interval.

PTS\_error\_count: 32 bits

Number of PTS\_errors in the above sequence number interval.

#### **4. SDP Signaling**

One new parameter is defined for the report block defined in this document to be used with Session Description Protocol (SDP) [[RFC4566](#)] using the Augmented Backus-Naur Form (ABNF) [[RFC5234](#)]. It has the following syntax within the "rtcp-xr" attribute [[RFC3611](#)]:

```
rtcp-xr-attr = "a=rtcp-xr:"  
               [xr-format *(SP xr-format)] CRLF
```

```
xr-format = decodability-metrics
```

```
decodability-metrics = "decodability-metrics"
```

Refer to [Section 5.1 of RFC 3611](#) [[RFC3611](#)] for a detailed description and the full syntax of the "rtcp-xr" attribute.

#### **5. IANA Considerations**

New report block types for RTCP XR are subject to IANA registration. For general guidelines on IANA allocations for RTCP XR, refer to [Section 6.2 of \[RFC3611\]](#).



This document assigns one new block type value in the RTCP XR Block Type Registry:

Name: TDM  
Long Name: TR 101 290 Decodability Metrics  
Value <TDM>  
Reference: [section 3](#)

This document also registers one SDP [[RFC4566](#)] parameters for the "rtcp-xr" attribute in the RTCP XR SDP Parameter Registry:

\* "decodability-metrics"

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## **6. Security Considerations**

This proposed RTCP XR report block introduces no new security considerations beyond those described in [[RFC3611](#)].

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