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#### Abstract

This memo extends the Binary Floor Control Protocol enabling it to use UDP as a transport. In order to use an unreliable transport mechanism this draft utilizes the existing transaction model in BFCP to achieve reliability. Each request now has an appropriate response to complete the transaction. It also defines a keep alive behavior needed to keep NAT bindings open.

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#### **<u>1</u>**. Introduction

The motivation for using UDP as a transport for BFCP [RFC4582] messages is to utilize already deployed proxies. These proxies are often used to relay UDP packets having RTP or RTCP content enabling receivers behind NAT or firewall to receive incoming data. This memo extends the BFCP protocol to support unreliable transport, and has some minor changes to the transaction model to achieve this. All requests now have an appropriate response to complete the transaction. The requests are sent having a retransmit timer mapped to the response to achieve reliability. It also defines an opening of pin-hole and keep-alive behavior needed to keep NAT bindings open.

# 2. Fields in the 'm' Line

This section extends the transport field in a 'm' line for a BFCP stream. The new value for the transport field is UDP/BFCP

Example of an 'm' line for a BFCP connection:

m = application 50000 UDP/BFCP \*

#### 3. Floor participant to Floor Control Server interface

#### **<u>3.1</u>**. Floor participant initiated transactions

The client must initiate the Transaction ID to a number different from 0, and must increment for each new transaction. All requests will use retransmit timer T1 until the transaction is completed.

### 3.2. Floor request to response message mapping

Upon recieving the messages FloorRequest, FloorRelease, FloorRequestQuery and FloorQuery from the participant, the Floor Control Server must respond with a FloorStatus message as soon as possible to complete the transaction.

#### <u>3.3</u>. User request to response message mapping

Upon recieving the UserQuery message from the participant, the Floor Control Sever must respond with a UserStatus message as soon as possible to complete the transaction.

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### 3.4. Hello

Upon recieving the Hello message from the participant, the Floor Control Server must respond with a HelloAck message as soon as possible to complete the transaction.

### 3.5. Server to participant initiated transactions

The server MUST initiate the Transaction ID to a number different from 0, and MUST incrementet the value by 1 for each new transaction. This mode of operation has different Transaction ID handling than described in RFC 4582. All requests will use retransmit timer T1 until the transaction is completed.

### 3.6. Server floor request to response message mapping

If the participant receive the FloorRequestStatus message it must respond with a FloorRequestStatusAck message to complete the transaction as soon as possible.

#### <u>3.7</u>. Error message to response mapping

If the participant receives the Error Message, it must respond with a ErrorAck message as soon as possible to complete the transaction.

#### <u>3.8</u>. FloorStatus message to response mapping

If the participant receives the FloorStatus Message, it must respond with a FloorStatusAck message as soon as possible to complete the transaction.

### 4. Floor Chair to Floor Control Server Interface

### 4.1. Chair initiated transactions

The client initiated Transaction ID may start at an arbitrary value, and must be incremented for each new transaction. The request will use retransmit timer T1 until the transaction is complete.

### 4.2. ChairAction

Upon receiving the ChairAction request, the server must respond with a ChairActionAck as soon as possible to complete the transaction.

### 5. Sending over UDP and Keep alive

The server and the client should retransmit the initial Hello with an interval of 500 ms, doubling after each retransmission. After HelloAck has been received by both server and client, the client must conitune to send Hello every 30 seconds for keep alive. The server may not send any Hello message after the initial exchange.

# 6. Timers

Timer T1 is used retransmit a request until an appropriate response is received. It defaults to 500 ms, and doubles after every retransmission with a maximum of 4 seconds.

# 7. Transaction failure

If a valid respone is not received for a client or server initiated transaction, it MUST initiate a new offer/answer [<u>RFC3264</u>] exchange.

# 8. IANA Considerations

#### 8.1. Registration of the UDP/BFCP as SDP proto value

This section instructs the IANA to register the following new value for the SDP [<u>RFC4566</u>] 'proto' field under the Session Description Protocol (SDP) Parameters registry:

+	-++
Value	Reference
+	-++
UDP/BFCP	RFC4853
+	-++

Figure 1: Value for the SDP 'proto' field

### 8.2. Registrations of new BFCP sub registry parameters

This section instructs the IANA to register the following new values for the BFCP primitive subregistry.

+	++
Value	Reference
+	++
FloorRequestStatusAck	RFC[XXXX]
ErrorAck	RFC[XXXX]
FloorStatusAck	RFC[XXXX]
+	+

Figure 2: Registration in the BFCP primitive subregistry

# 9. Security Considerations

TBD

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