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Abstract

The current definition of the Stream Control Transmission Protocol (SCTP) is missing a procedure for registering chunk flags for already defined chunk types. This document defines this procedure. It does not change SCTP in any other way.

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1. Introduction

[RFC4960], which currently defines the Stream Control Transmission Protocol (SCTP), provides a procedure to define new chunk types. However, several protocol extensions currently being discussed need to define new chunk flags for existing chunks. The only way to do this is to obsolete [RFC4960], which is not appropriate.

This document overcomes this limitation and provides the procedure to register chunk flags for existing chunk types. The protocol is not changed in any other way. Therefore only [Section 14.1 of \[RFC4960\]](#) is affected.

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. IANA Considerations

[Section 3.1](#) describes the updated procedure for chunk type registration and replaces [Section 14.1 of \[RFC4960\]](#). [Section 3.2](#) defines the new procedure for chunk flag registration.

The initial values of the tables for the chunk flags for already defined chunk types is given in [Section 3.3](#).

3.1. Updated IETF Chunk Extension

The assignment of new chunk parameter type codes is done through an IETF Review action, as defined in [RFC5226]. Documentation of a new chunk MUST contain the following information:

- a) A long and short name for the new chunk type;
- b) A detailed description of the structure of the chunk, which MUST conform to the basic structure defined in [section 3.2 of \[RFC4960\]](#);
- c) A detailed definition and description of intended use of each field within the chunk, including the chunk flags if any. Defined chunk flags will be used as initial entries in the chunk flags table for the new chunk type;

- d) A detailed procedural description of the use of the new chunk type within the operation of the protocol.

The last chunk type (255) is reserved for future extension if necessary.

IANA creates for each new chunk type a registration table for the chunk flags for this type. The procedure for registering particular chunk flags is described in the following [Section 3.2](#).

3.2. New IETF Chunk Flags Registration

The assignment of new chunk flags is done through an RFC required action, as defined in [[RFC5226](#)]. Documentation of the chunk flags MUST contain the following information:

- a) A name for the new chunk flag;
- b) A detailed procedural description of the use of the new chunk flag within the operation of the protocol. It MUST be considered that implementations not supporting the flag will just ignore it.

IANA selects a chunk flags value, exactly one of 0x01, 0x02, 0x04, 0x08, 0x10, 0x20, 0x40, or 0x80, which MUST be unique within the chunk flag values for the specific chunk type.

3.3. Initial Registrations

This section describes the initially defined chunk flag tables, one table per chunk. Most of the tables are currently empty.

3.3.1. DATA Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 0x01 | E bit | [RFC4960] |
| 0x02 | B bit | [RFC4960] |
| 0x04 | U bit | [RFC4960] |

3.3.2. INIT Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|

3.3.3. INIT ACK Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|

3.3.4. SACK Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|

3.3.5. HEARTBEAT Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
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3.3.6. HEARTBEAT ACK Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|

3.3.7. ABORT Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 0x01 | T bit | [RFC4960] |

3.3.8. SHUTDOWN Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|

3.3.9. SHUTDOWN ACK Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
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3.3.10. ERROR Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
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3.3.11. COOKIE ECHO Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
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3.3.12. COOKIE ACK Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
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3.3.13. ECNE Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
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3.3.14. CWR Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
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3.3.15. SHUTDOWN COMPLETE Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 0x01 | T bit | [RFC4960] |

3.3.16. AUTH Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
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3.3.17. ASCONF ACK Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
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3.3.18. PAD Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
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3.3.19. FORWARD TSN Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
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3.3.20. ASCONF Chunk Flags

| Chunk Flag Value | Chunk Flag Name | Reference |
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4. Security Considerations

This document does not add any additional security considerations in addition to the ones given in [[RFC4960](#)].

5. Normative References

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