draft-venaas-pim-reservedbits-00

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Use of reserved bits

- Several pim message types use reserved bits
 - Not clear that reserved bits should be per message type
 - RFCs using reserved bits should have updated RFC 7761
- This draft fixes the above and defines a registry as below.
 - This only shows what is defined. For type 15, see next slide.

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Type bit(s) Name Reference

4 7 No-Forward [RFC5059]

10 4-7 Sub-type [RFC5015]

12 7 No-Forward [draft-ietf-pim-source-discovery-bsr]

15 4-7 Extended type [this document]
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Extending the type space

- The current pim type space is only 4 bits. We have used 0-12.
- The current pim message header is:

- Extend the type space by defining type 15 using 4 reserved bits to define a sub-type (similar to pim DF sub-types).
 - This gives us 16 additional pim message types denoted 15.0 15.15.
 - The header for type 15 is defined as below.

Should we make the sub-type 8 bits?