



Receive Timestamps

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History

gQUIC had receive timestamps in its ACK frame

Only used by GoogCC and other latency sensitive CC's

More Recently....

[draft-huitema-quic-ts](#) specifies a separate frame with a Timestamp of when the packet is sent.

Use Cases

Existing algorithms use receive receive timestamps to improve transport performance.

Examples include:

- WebRTC congestion control [I-D.ietf-rmcat-gcc] uses inter-departure and inter-arrival times.
- pathChirp ([RRBNC]) technique estimates available bandwidth by measuring inter-arrival time of multiple packets.

Updated the gQUIC format to varints

```
ACK_RECEIVE_TIMESTAMPS Frame {
  Type (i) = TBD
  // Fields of the ACK (type=0x02) frame.
  ...
  Timestamp Range Count (i),
  Timestamp Ranges (..) {
    Gap (i),
    Timestamp Delta Count (i),
    Timestamp Delta (i) ...,
  }
}
```

Transport Parameters

`max_receive_timestamps_per_ack:`

Indicates the sender would like to receive no more this many receive timestamps in a `ACK_RECEIVE_TIMESTAMP` frame.

`receive_timestamps_exponent:`

The exponent to be used when encoding and decoding timestamp delta fields.

Next Steps

Is this worth pursuing?

If so, should it be separate?

It's subtly different from [draft-huitema-quic-ts](#)

What is needed before adoption?