

MIMI Content Format

draft-ietf-mimi-content-04

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What's new in -04? (and -03)

- Now using concrete CBOR syntax (complete with CDDL schema)
- All examples are CBOR instance documents which validate to the CDDL schema.
 - All examples are in the GitHub repo:
 - <https://github.com/ietf-wg-mimi/draft-ietf-mimi-content>
- Added a hash of the content to the ExternalContent array (in -03)

Summary of open issues

- Some CBOR encoding options - largely looking for CBOR community input
 - NestedPart has a double-wrapped array which could be replaced with an embedded CBOR sequence #18
 - The implied Timestamp could use CBOR time tags - maybe we move this to the MIMI protocol
 - To tag URIs or not. Currently we do
- Subject field (#7) - propose we close this (can be handled in the extensions map)
- Matrix extensible events (#5) - propose we close. Not longer seems relevant.
- Also need to confirm some changes from -01 version

Concern about an implicit message ID

- Content format currently uses a message ID calculated from the hash of the cipher text and timestamp chosen by the encrypting client
- For abuse prevention and (consensual) history sharing the party looking at a decrypted message may not have the ciphertext
- Old solution
 - client chooses a UUID
 - expose a (possibly encrypted for the hub) copy of the message ID in the MLS Additional Authenticated Data field (AAD)
 - clients are primarily responsible for detecting duplicate message IDs among messages they have received
 - hub provider can reject a message with a duplicate message ID, but is not required to.
 - owning provider can check if user part duplicates prior messages it has a record for; 100% elimination of duplicate messages is not possible in high availability architecture.
 - Would allow the message ID to also be franked when franking messages