



Shared Use of TCP Experimental Options

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Summary

- **Current experimental options overloaded**
 - Multiple concurrent uses cannot be distinguished
- **Add an experiment ID/demultiplexer**
 - Changes to the mechanism mandated by IESG review
- **Goal**
 - Proposed Standard, as per WG direction



Recent Changes

- Changed from self-assigned, variable length magic number to “Experimental ID” (ExID):
 - 16-bit or 32-bit
 - Full value registered with IANA
 - FCFS on the first 16-bits
- Change recommendation from “SHOULD”
 - SHOULD for contained experiments
 - MUST for public experiments
- Includes
 - IANA assignment procedures
 - Use procedure update
 - Discussion on the benefits of different ExID lengths
 - Discussion on IESG-suggested alternatives