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Abstract

This document defines a bi-directional protocol mapping for the exchange of presence information between the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) and the Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (XMPP).

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1. Introduction

In order to help ensure interworking between presence systems that conform to the instant message / presence requirements [RFC2779], it is important to clearly define protocol mappings between such systems. Within the IETF, work has proceeded on two presence technologies:

- o Various extensions to the Session Initiation Protocol ([RFC3261]) for instant messaging, as developed within the SIP for Instant Messaging and Presence Leveraging Extensions (SIMPLE) Working Group; the relevant specification for presence is [RFC3856]
- o The Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (XMPP), which consists of a formalization of the core XML streaming protocols developed originally by the Jabber open-source community; the relevant specifications are [RFC6120] for the XML streaming layer and [RFC6121] for basic presence and instant messaging extensions

One approach to helping ensure interworking between these protocols is to map each protocol to the abstract semantics described in [RFC3860]; that is the approach taken by both [RFC3922] and [I-D.ietf-simple-cpim-mapping]. The approach taken in this document is to directly map semantics from one protocol to another (i.e., from SIP/SIMPLE to XMPP and vice-versa).

The architectural assumptions underlying such direct mappings are provided in [I-D.ietf-stox-core], including mapping of addresses and error conditions. The mappings specified in this document cover basic presence functionality. Mapping of more advanced functionality (e.g., so-called "rich presence") is out of scope for this document.

The discussion venue for this document is the mailing list of the STOX WG; visit <https://www.ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/stox> for subscription information and discussion archives.

2. Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

3. Presence Subscriptions

3.1. Overview

Both XMPP and presence-aware SIP systems enable entities (often but not necessarily human users) to subscribe to the presence of other entities. XMPP presence subscriptions are specified in [RFC6121]. Presence subscriptions using a SIP event package for presence are specified in [RFC3856].

As described in [RFC6121], XMPP presence subscriptions are managed using XMPP presence stanzas of type "subscribe", "subscribed", "unsubscribe", and "unsubscribed". The main subscription states are "none" (neither the user nor the contact is subscribed to the other's presence information), "from" (the user has a subscription from the contact), "to" (the user has a subscription to the contact's presence information), and "both" (both user and contact are subscribed to each other's presence information).

As described in [RFC3856], SIP presence subscriptions are managed through the use of SIP SUBSCRIBE events sent from a SIP user agent to an intended recipient who is most generally referenced by an Instant Message URI of the form <pres:user@domain> but who might be referenced by a SIP or SIPS URI of the form <sip:user@domain> or <sips:user@domain>.

The subscription models underlying XMPP and SIP are quite different. For instance, XMPP presence subscriptions are long-lived (indeed permanent if not explicitly cancelled), whereas SIP presence subscriptions are short-lived (the default time-to-live of a SIP presence subscription is 3600 seconds, as specified in Section 6.4 of [RFC3856]). These differences are addressed below.

3.2. XMPP to SIP

3.2.1. Establishing

An XMPP user (e.g., juliet@example.com) initiates a subscription by sending a subscription request to another entity (e.g., romeo@example.net), and the other entity (conventionally called a "contact") either accepts or declines the request. If the contact accepts the request, the user will have a subscription to the contact's presence information until (1) the user unsubscribes or (2) the contact cancels the subscription. The subscription request is encapsulated in a presence stanza of type "subscribe":

Example: XMPP user subscribes to SIP contact:

```
| <presence from='juliet@example.com'  
|           to='romeo@example.net'  
|           type='subscribe' />
```

Upon receiving such a stanza, the XMPP server to which the user has connected needs to determine the identity of the foreign domain, which it does by performing one or more DNS SRV lookups [RFC2782]. For presence stanzas, the order of lookups recommended by [RFC6121] is to first try the "_xmpp-server" service as specified in [RFC6120] and to then try the "_pres" service as specified in [RFC3861]. Here we assume that the first lookup will fail but that the second lookup will succeed and return a resolution "_pres._simple.example.net.", since we have already assumed that the example.net hostname is running a SIP presence service.

Once the XMPP server has determined that the foreign domain is serviced by a SIMPLE server, it needs to determine how to proceed. We here assume that the XMPP server contains or has available to it an XMPP-SIMPLE gateway or connection manager (which enables it to speak natively to SIMPLE servers). The XMPP server would then deliver the presence stanza to the XMPP-SIMPLE gateway.

The XMPP-SIMPLE gateway is then responsible for translating the XMPP subscription request into a SIP SUBSCRIBE request from the XMPP user to the SIP user:

Example: XMPP user subscribes to SIP contact (SIP transformation):

```
| SUBSCRIBE sip:romeo@example.net SIP/2.0  
| Via: SIP/2.0/TCP x2s.example.com;branch=z9hG4bKna998sk  
| From: <sip:juliet@example.com>;tag=ffd2  
| Call-ID: 104th3slp@example.com  
| Event: presence  
| Max-Forwards: 70  
| CSeq: 123 SUBSCRIBE  
| Contact: <sip:sipgate.example.com;transport=tcp>  
| Accept: application/pidf+xml  
| Expires: 3600  
| Content-Length: 0
```

The SIP user then SHOULD send a response indicating acceptance of the subscription request:

Example: SIP accepts subscription request:

```
| SIP/2.0 200 OK
| Via: SIP/2.0/TCP s2x.example.net;branch=z9hG4bKna998sk
| From: <sip:romeo@example.net>;tag=ffd2
| To: <sip:juliet@example.com>;tag=j89d
| Call-ID: 104th3slp@example.com
| CSeq: 234 SUBSCRIBE
| Contact: <sip:simple.example.net;transport=tcp>
| Expires: 3600
| Content-Length: 0
```

In accordance with [RFC6665], the XMPP-SIMPLE gateway SHOULD consider the subscription state to be "neutral" until it receives a NOTIFY message. Therefore the SIP user or SIP-XMPP gateway at the SIP user's domain SHOULD immediately send a NOTIFY message containing a "Subscription-State" header whose value contains the string "active" (see Section 4).

Example: SIP user sends presence notification:

```
| NOTIFY sip:192.0.2.1 SIP/2.0
| Via: SIP/2.0/TCP simple.example.net;branch=z9hG4bKna998sk
| From: <sip:romeo@example.net>;tag=yt66
| To: <sip:juliet@example.com>;tag=bi54
| Call-ID: 104th3slp@example.com
| Event: presence
| Subscription-State: active;expires=499
| Max-Forwards: 70
| CSeq: 8775 NOTIFY
| Contact: <sip:simple.example.net;transport=tcp>
| Content-Type: application/pidf+xml
| Content-Length: 193
|
| <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>
| <presence xmlns='urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pidf'
|   entity='pres:romeo@example.net'>
|   <tuple id='ID-orchard'>
|     <status>
|       <basic>open</basic>
|       <show xmlns='jabber:client'>away</show>
|     </status>
|   </tuple>
| </presence>
```

Upon receiving the first NOTIFY with a subscription state of active, the XMPP-SIMPLE gateway MUST generate a presence stanza of type "subscribed":

Example: XMPP user receives acknowledgement from SIP contact:

```
| <presence from='romeo@example.net'  
|           to='juliet@example.com'  
|           type='subscribed' />
```

As described under Section 4, the gateway MUST also generate a presence notification to the XMPP user:

Example: XMPP user receives presence notification from SIP contact:

```
| <presence from='romeo@example.net/orchard'  
|           to='juliet@example.com' />
```

3.2.2. Refreshing

It is the responsibility of the XMPP-SIMPLE gateway to set the value of the "Expires" header and to periodically renew the subscription on the SIMPLE side of the gateway so that the subscription appears to be permanent to the XMPP user (e.g., the XMPP-SIMPLE gateway SHOULD send a new SUBSCRIBE request to the SIP user whenever the XMPP user sends initial presence to its XMPP server, i.e., upon initiating a presence session with the XMPP server). See the Security Considerations (Section 5) of this document for important information and requirements regarding the security implications of this functionality.

3.2.3. Cancelling

At any time after subscribing, the XMPP user can unsubscribe from the contact's presence. This is done by sending a presence stanza of type "unsubscribe":

Example: XMPP user unsubscribes from SIP contact:

```
| <presence from='juliet@example.com'  
|           to='romeo@example.net'  
|           type='unsubscribe' />
```

The XMPP-SIMPLE gateway is responsible for translating the unsubscribe command into a SIP SUBSCRIBE request with the "Expires" header set to a value of zero:

Example: XMPP user unsubscribes from SIP contact (SIP transformation):

```
| SUBSCRIBE sip:romeo@example.net SIP/2.0
| Via: SIP/2.0/TCP s2x.example.net;branch=z9hG4bKna998sk
| From: <sip:juliet@example.com>;tag=j89d
| Call-ID: lckm32@example.com
| Event: presence
| Max-Forwards: 70
| CSeq: 789 SUBSCRIBE
| Contact: <sip:x2s.example.com;transport=tcp>
| Accept: application/pidf+xml
| Expires: 0
| Content-Length: 0
```

Upon sending the transformed unsubscribe, the XMPP-SIMPLE gateway SHOULD a presence stanza of type "unsubscribed" to the XMPP user:

Example: XMPP user receives unsubscribed notification:

```
| <presence from='romeo@example.net'
|           to='juliet@example.com'
|           type='unsubscribed' />
```

3.3. SIP to XMPP

3.3.1. Establishing

A SIP user initiates a subscription to a contact's presence information by sending a SIP SUBSCRIBE request to the contact. The following is an example of such a request:

Example: SIP user subscribes to XMPP contact:

```
| SUBSCRIBE sip:juliet@example.com SIP/2.0
| Via: SIP/2.0/TCP s2x.example.net;branch=z9hG4bKna998sk
| From: <sip:romeo@example.net>;tag=xfg9
| Call-ID: 4wcm0n@example.net
| Event: presence
| Max-Forwards: 70
| CSeq: 263 SUBSCRIBE
| Contact: <sip:simple.example.net;transport=tcp>
| Accept: application/pidf+xml
| Content-Length: 0
```

Notice that the "Expires" header was not included in the SUBSCRIBE request; this means that the default value of 3600 (i.e., 3600 seconds = 1 hour) applies.

Upon receiving such a request, a SIMPLE-XMPP gateway is responsible for translating it into an XMPP subscription request from the SIP user to the XMPP user:

Example: SIP user subscribes to XMPP contact (XMPP transformation):

```
| <presence from='romeo@example.net'  
|           to='juliet@example.com'  
|           type='subscribe' />
```

In accordance with [RFC6121], the XMPP user's server MUST deliver the presence subscription request to the XMPP user (or, if a subscription already exists in the XMPP user's roster, discard the subscribe request). If the XMPP user approves the subscription request, the XMPP server then MUST return a presence stanza of type "subscribed" from the XMPP user to the SIP user; if a subscription already exists, the XMPP server SHOULD auto-reply with a presence stanza of type "subscribed". In any case, if the SIMPLE-XMPP gateway receives a presence stanza of type "subscribed" from the XMPP user, it SHOULD silently discard the stanza.

3.3.2. Refreshing

It is the responsibility of the SIMPLE-XMPP gateway to properly handle the difference between short-lived SIP presence subscriptions and long-lived XMPP presence subscriptions. The gateway has two options when the SIP user's subscription expires:

- o Cancel the subscription (i.e., treat it as temporary) and send an XMPP presence stanza of type "unsubscribe" to the XMPP contact; this honors the SIP semantic but will seem rather odd to the XMPP contact.
- o Maintain the subscription (i.e., treat it as long-lived) and (1) send a SIP NOTIFY request to the SIP user containing a PIDF document specifying that the XMPP contact now has a basic status of "closed", including a Subscription-State of "terminated" and (2) send an XMPP presence stanza of type "unavailable" to the XMPP contact; this violates the letter of the SIP semantic but will seem more natural to the XMPP contact.

Which of these options the SIMPLE-XMPP gateway chooses is up to the implementation.

If the implementation chooses the first option, the protocol generated would be as follows:

Example: SIP subscription expires (treated as temporary by gateway):

```
| <presence from='romeo@example.net'  
|           to='juliet@example.com'  
|           type='unsubscribe' />
```

If the implementation chooses the second option, the protocol generated would be as follows:

Example: SIP subscription expires (treated as long-lived by gateway):

```
| NOTIFY sip:192.0.2.2 SIP/2.0  
| Via: SIP/2.0/TCP s2x.example.net;branch=z9hG4bKna998sk  
| From: <sip:juliet@example.com>;tag=ur93  
| To: <sip:romeo@example.net>;tag=pq72  
| Call-ID: j4s0h4vny@example.com  
| Event: presence  
| Subscription-State: terminated;reason=timeout  
| Max-Forwards: 70  
| CSeq: 232 NOTIFY  
| Contact: <sip:sipgate.example.com;transport=tcp>  
| Content-Type: application/pidf+xml  
| Content-Length: 194  
  
| <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>  
| <presence xmlns='urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pidf'  
|           entity='pres:juliet@example.com'>  
|   <tuple id='ID-balcony'>  
|     <status>  
|       <basic>closed</basic>  
|     </status>  
|   </tuple>  
| </presence>
```

Example: SIP subscription expires (treated as long-lived by gateway):

```
| <presence from='romeo@example.net'  
|           to='juliet@example.com'  
|           type='unavailable' />
```

3.3.3. Cancelling

At any time, the SIP user can cancel the subscription by sending a SUBSCRIBE message whose "Expires" header is set to a value of zero ("0"):

Example: SIP user cancels subscription:

```
| SUBSCRIBE sip:192.0.2.1 SIP/2.0
| Via: SIP/2.0/TCP simple.example.net;branch=z9hG4bKna998sk
| From: <sip:romeo@example.net>;tag=yt66
| Call-ID: ltsnlce@example.net
| Event: presence
| Max-Forwards: 70
| CSeq: 8775 SUBSCRIBE
| Contact: <sip:simple.example.net;transport=tcp>
| Expires: 0
| Content-Length: 0
```

As above, upon receiving such a request, a SIMPLE-XMPP gateway is responsible for doing one of the following:

- o Cancel the subscription (i.e., treat it as temporary) and send an XMPP presence stanza of type "unsubscribe" to the XMPP contact.
- o Maintain the subscription (i.e., treat it as long-lived) and (1) send a SIP NOTIFY request to the SIP user containing a PIDF document specifying that the XMPP contact now has a basic status of "closed", (2) send a SIP SUBSCRIBE request to the SIP user with an "Expires" header set to a value of "0" (zero) when it receives XMPP presence of type "unavailable" from the XMPP contact, and (3) send an XMPP presence stanza of type "unavailable" to the XMPP contact.

4. Presence Notifications

4.1. Overview

Both XMPP and presence-aware SIP systems enable entities (often but not necessarily human users) to send presence notifications to other entities. At a minimum, the term "presence" refers to information about an entity's availability for communication on a network (on/off), often supplemented by information that further specifies the entity's communications context (e.g., "do not disturb"). Some systems and protocols extend this notion even further and refer to any relatively ephemeral information about an entity as a kind of presence; categories of such "extended presence" include geographical location (e.g., GPS coordinates), user mood (e.g., grumpy), user activity (e.g., walking), and ambient environment (e.g., noisy). In this document, we focus on the "least common denominator" of network availability only, although future documents might address broader notions of presence, including extended presence.

[RFC6121] defines how XMPP presence stanzas can indicate availability

(via absence of a 'type' attribute) or lack of availability (via a 'type' attribute with a value of "unavailable"). SIP presence using a SIP event package for presence is specified in [RFC3856].

As described in [RFC6121], presence information about an entity is communicated by means of an XML <presence/> stanza sent over an XML stream. In this document we will assume that such a presence stanza is sent from an XMPP client to an XMPP server over an XML stream negotiated between the client and the server, and that the client is controlled by a human user (again, this is a simplifying assumption introduced for explanatory purposes only). In general, XMPP presence is sent by the user to the user's server and then broadcasted to all entities who are subscribed to the user's presence information.

As described in [RFC3856], presence information about an entity is communicated by means of a SIP NOTIFY event sent from a SIP user agent to an intended recipient who is most generally referenced by an Instant Message URI of the form <pres:user@domain> but who might be referenced by a SIP or SIPS URI of the form <sip:user@domain> or <sips:user@domain>. Here again we introduce the simplifying assumption that the user agent is controlled by a human user.

This document addresses basic presence or network availability only, not the various extensions to SIP and XMPP for "rich presence", such as [RFC4480], [XEP-0107], and [XEP-0108].

4.2. XMPP to SIP

When Juliet interacts with her XMPP client to modify her presence information (or when her client automatically updates her presence information, e.g. via an "auto-away" feature), her client generates an XMPP <presence/> stanza. The syntax of the <presence/> stanza, including required and optional elements and attributes, is defined in [RFC6121]. The following is an example of such a stanza:

Example: XMPP user sends presence notification:

```
| <presence from='juliet@example.com/balcony'/>
```

Upon receiving such a stanza, the XMPP server to which Juliet has connected broadcasts it to all subscribers who are authorized to receive presence notifications from Juliet (this is similar to the SIP NOTIFY method). For each subscriber, broadcasting the presence notification involves either delivering it to a local recipient (if the hostname in the subscriber's address matches one of the hostnames serviced by the XMPP server) or attempting to route it to the foreign domain that services the hostname in the subscriber's address. Naturally, in this document we assume that the hostname is a SIP

presence service hosted by a separate server. As specified in [RFC6121], the XMPP server needs to determine the identity of the foreign domain, which it does by performing one or more DNS SRV lookups [RFC2782]. For presence stanzas, the order of lookups recommended by [RFC6121] is to first try the "_xmpp-server" service as specified in [RFC6120] and to then try the "_pres" service as specified in [RFC3861]. Here we assume that the first lookup will fail but that the second lookup will succeed and return a resolution "_pres.simple.example.net.", since we have already assumed that the example.net hostname is running a SIP presence service. (Note: The XMPP server might have previously determined that the foreign domain is a SIMPLE server, e.g., when it sent a SIP SUBSCRIBE to the SIP user when Juliet sent initial presence to the XMPP server, in which case it would not need to perform the SRV lookups; the caching of such information is a matter of implementation and local service policy, and is therefore out of scope for this document.)

Once the XMPP server has determined that the foreign domain is serviced by a SIMPLE server, it needs to determine how to proceed. We here assume that the XMPP server contains or has available to it an XMPP-SIMPLE gateway. The XMPP server would then deliver the presence stanza to the XMPP-SIMPLE gateway.

The XMPP-SIMPLE gateway is then responsible for translating the XMPP presence stanza into a SIP NOTIFY request and included PIDF document from the XMPP user to the SIP user.

Example: XMPP user sends presence notification (SIP transformation):

```
NOTIFY sip:192.0.2.2 SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/TCP x2s.example.com;branch=z9hG4bKna998sk
From: <sip:juliet@example.com>;tag=gh19
To: <sip:romeo@example.net>;tag=yt66
Contact: <sip:juliet@example.com>;gr=balcony
Call-ID: j4s0h4vny@example.com
Event: presence
Subscription-State: active;expires=599
Max-Forwards: 70
CSeq: 157 NOTIFY
Contact: <sip:sipgate.example.com;transport=tcp>
Content-Type: application/pidf+xml
Content-Length: 192

<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>
<presence xmlns='urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pidf'
  entity='pres:juliet@example.com'>
  <tuple id='ID-balcony'>
    <status>
      <basic>open</basic>
      <show xmlns='jabber:client'>away</show>
    </status>
  </tuple>
</presence>
```

The mapping of XMPP syntax elements to SIP syntax elements SHOULD be as shown in the following table. (Mappings for elements not mentioned are undefined.)

Table 6: Presence syntax mapping from XMPP to SIP

XMPP Element or Attribute	SIP Header or PIDF Data
<presence/> stanza	"Event: presence" [1]
XMPP resource identifier	tuple 'id' attribute [2]
from	From
id	Call-ID
to	To
type	basic status [3] [4]
xml:lang	Content-Language
<priority/>	PIDF priority for tuple
<show/>	no mapping [5]
<status/>	<note/>

Note the following regarding these mappings:

1. Only a presence stanza that lacks a 'type' attribute or whose 'type' attribute has a value of "unavailable" SHOULD be mapped by an XMPP-SIMPLE gateway to a SIP NOTIFY request, since those are the only presence stanzas that represent notifications.
2. The PIDF schema defines the tuple 'id' attribute as having a datatype of "xs:ID"; because this datatype is more restrictive than the "xs:string" datatype for XMPP resourceparts (in particular, a number is not allowed as the first character of an ID), it is RECOMMENDED to prepend the resourcepart with "ID-" or some other alphabetic string when mapping from XMPP to SIP.
3. Because the lack of a 'type' attribute indicates that an XMPP entity is available for communications, the gateway SHOULD map that information to a PIDF <basic/> status of "open". Because a 'type' attribute with a value of "unavailable" indicates that an XMPP entity is not available for communications, the gateway SHOULD map that information to a PIDF <basic/> status of "closed".
4. When the XMPP-SIMPLE gateway receives XMPP presence of type "unavailable" from the XMPP contact, it SHOULD (1) send a SIP NOTIFY request to the SIP user containing a PIDF document specifying that the XMPP contact now has a basic status of "closed" and (2) send a SIP SUBSCRIBE request to the SIP user with an "Expires" header set to a value of "0" (zero).
5. Some implementations support custom extensions to encapsulate this information; however, there is no need to standardize a PIDF extension for this purpose, since PIDF is already extensible and thus the <show/> element can be included directly, qualified by the 'jabber:client' namespace in the PIDF XML. The examples in this document illustrate this usage, which is RECOMMENDED. The most useful values are likely "away" and "dnd", although note that the latter value merely means "busy" and does not imply that a server or client ought to block incoming traffic while the user is in that state.

4.3. SIP to XMPP

When Romeo changes his presence, his SIP user agent generates a SIP NOTIFY request for any active subscriptions. The syntax of the NOTIFY request is defined in [RFC3856]. The following is an example of such a request:

Example: SIP user sends presence notification:

```
| NOTIFY sip:192.0.2.1 SIP/2.0
| Via: SIP/2.0/TCP simple.example.net;branch=z9hG4bKna998sk
| From: <sip:romeo@example.net>;tag=yt66
| To: <sip:juliet@example.com>;tag=bi54
| Contact: <sip:romeo@example.net>;gr=orchard
| Call-ID: j0sj4svlm@example.net
| Event: presence
| Subscription-State: active;expires=499
| Max-Forwards: 70
| CSeq: 8775 NOTIFY
| Contact: <sip:simple.example.net;transport=tcp>
| Content-Type: application/pidf+xml
| Content-Length: 193
|
| <?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>
| <presence xmlns='urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pidf'
|     entity='pres:romeo@example.net'>
|   <tuple id='ID-orchard'>
|     <status>
|       <basic>closed</basic>
|     </status>
|   </tuple>
| </presence>
```

Upon receiving such a request, a SIMPLE-XMPP gateway is responsible for translating it into an XMPP presence stanza from the SIP user to the XMPP user:

Example: SIP user sends presence notification (XMPP transformation):

```
| <presence from='romeo@example.net'
|     to='juliet@example.com/balcony'
|     type='unavailable' />
```

The mapping of SIP syntax elements to XMPP syntax elements SHOULD be as shown in the following table. (Mappings for elements not mentioned are undefined.)

Table 7: Presence syntax mapping from SIP to XMPP

SIP Header or PIDF Data	XMPP Element or Attribute
basic status	type [1]
Content-Language	xml:lang
CSeq	id (OPTIONAL)
From	from
priority for tuple	<priority/>
To	to
<note/>	<status/>

Note the following regarding these mappings:

1. A PIDF basic status of "open" SHOULD be mapped to no 'type' attribute, and a PIDF basic status of "closed" SHOULD be mapped to a 'type' attribute whose value is "unavailable".

5. Security Considerations

Detailed security considerations for presence protocols are given in [RFC2779], for SIP-based presence in [RFC3856] (see also [RFC3261]), and for XMPP-based presence in [RFC6121] (see also [RFC6120]).

The mismatch between long-lived XMPP presence subscriptions and short-lived SIP presence subscriptions introduces the possibility of an amplification attack launched from the XMPP network against a SIP presence server. To help prevent such an attack, access to an XMPP-SIMPLE gateway that is hosted on the XMPP network SHOULD be restricted to XMPP users associated with a single domain or trust realm (e.g., a gateway hosted at simple.example.com ought to allow only users within the example.com domain to access the gateway, not users within example.org, example.net, or any other domain); if a SIP presence server receives communications through an XMPP-SIMPLE gateway from users who are not associated with a domain that is so related to the hostname of the gateway, it MAY (based on local service provisioning) refuse to service such users or refuse to communicate with the gateway. Furthermore, whenever an XMPP-SIMPLE gateway seeks to refresh an XMPP user's long-lived subscription to a SIP user's presence, it MUST first send an XMPP <presence/> stanza of type "probe" from the address of the gateway to the "bare JID" (user@domain.tld) of the XMPP user, to which the user's XMPP server MUST respond in accordance with [RFC6121]; however, the administrator of an XMPP-SIMPLE gateway MAY (based on local service provisioning) exempt "known good" XMPP servers from this check (e.g., the XMPP

server associated with the XMPP-SIMPLE gateway as described above).

6. IANA Considerations

This document requests no actions of IANA.

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