

RTP Payload Format for MELPe Codec

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MELPe Voice Codec

- **NATO standard STANAG No. 4591**
 - DOD MIL-STD-3005 (original MELP 2400)
 - 2400, 1200, and 600 bps
 - 22.5, 67.5, and 90 ms respective frame rates
 - Commonly used for radio communications
 - Bridged by VoIP/SIP between terrestrial and radio
 - Many non-military uses, such as secure communications between smartphones using IP networks

Draft Review Status

- Pre IETF 92 Submissions
 - Reviewed out-of-band (mostly)
 - Clarified original text
 - Simplified rate negotiation for fixed rates
 - 600 bps packing order explained as being inconsistent with 2400/1200 in STANAG 4591 (packing within draft is consistent for all rates)
 - Trellisware, Textron, SCI and others support draft
 - Joint Systems Integration Laboratory representative joining IETF payload group to express support

Draft Review Status (cont)

- Post IETF 92 Submission
 - Review draft-payload-rtp-howto-13
 - Re-organized to better match recommended organization
 - Addressed comments from various individuals
- Hopefully ready to advance

SDP Considerations

- Utilizing “bitrate” to select supported coder rate

```
m=audio 49120 RTP/AVP 97
```

```
a=rtpmap:97 MELP/8000
```

```
a=fmtp:97 bitrate=2400,600,1200 ←
```

Where “bitrate” indicates one or more supported speech coder rates to be used in listed priority order

- An existing implementation supports only single MELP frame per RTP with the following solution

```
a=maxptime:23
```

Permitted values are 23, 45, 68, 90, 112, 135, 156 and 180

Future

- Asking for workgroup adoption
- Promote to IETF draft
- Complete as RFC

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