

# ECN SUPPORT IN QUIC

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#### DETAILS



- > ECN QUIC team
- > Working document...
  - https://github.com/quicwg/base-drafts/wiki/ECN-in-QUIC
- Suggested additions to transport and recovery drafts
  - <a href="https://github.com/quicwg/base-drafts/wiki/ECN-in-QUIC#suggested-additions-to-to-become-rfcs">https://github.com/quicwg/base-drafts/wiki/ECN-in-QUIC#suggested-additions-to-to-become-rfcs</a>
  - Capability exchange
  - ECN counters
  - ACK\_ECN frame
  - Connection migration
  - Congestion control
- > The draft is not updated, please ignore it!

### CAPABILITY EXCHANGE



#### > Outline

- 1st packet (1st frame) sets the ECT code point as per RFC8311 (support for classic ECN and L4S)
- ACK\_ECN indicates number of ECT and CE marked packets
- Success (ECN capable) if ACK indicates a match. OS stacks can read and set the ECN bits an the path is not ECN bleached\*
- Both peers perform capability exchange

#### Open question

- Should ECT be set in for retransmitted 1<sup>st</sup> frame?
- Fear of ECT black holes, but these are very rare!

\* Network node clears the ECN bits

#### ECN COUNTERS



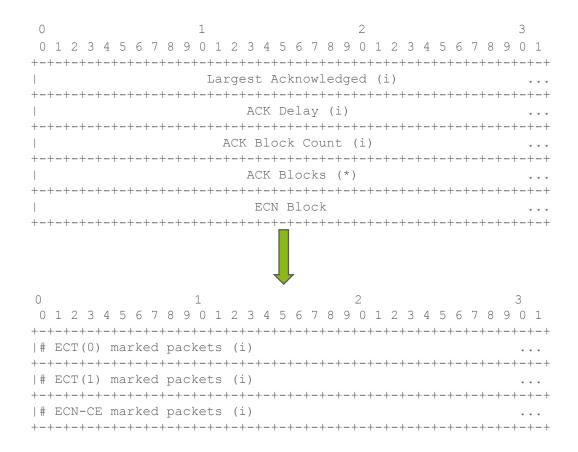
- > Receiver side should implements 3 64 bit counters that are copied to the ECN block when an ACK\_ECN frame is generated.
- All counters are initialized to 0
- Duplicate packets SHOULD NOT increment the counters

ECT(0)	Incremented when a packet marked ECT(0) is received
ECT(1)	Incremented when a packet marked ECT(1) is received
CE	Incremented when a packet marked CE is received

### ACK-ECN FRAME



- > Equal to ACK frame but with appended <u>ECN</u> block
- > ECN block is encoded as variable length integers \*
- Packet counters deemed sufficient for L4S, and it saves overhead
- Overhead compression is left as future work (<u>ideas exist</u>)



<sup>\*</sup> Section 8.1 in https://quicwg.github.io/base-drafts/draft-ietf-quic-transport.html

## CONNECTION MIGRATION



- > ECN capability should be verified again at connection migration
- > Verifies that new path is not ECN bleached

#### CONGESTION CONTROL



- > Congestion control specifics defined for classic ECN.
- > L4S is future work
- > Function OnAckReceived(..) modified
- > New function OnPacketsMarked
- > Undocumented function "ack is of type "
- > New global variable ack\_ce\_counter

## WAY FORWARD



- > Find open issues
- Move suggested changes to transport and recovery draft

