[MS-RTASPF]:
RTP for Application Sharing Payload Format Extensions

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1 Introduction

This document specifies the RTP for Application Sharing Payload Format Extensions, a set of proprietary extensions to [MS-RTP]. This protocol is designed to transfer application sharing data over the Real-Time Transport Protocol.

Sections 1.8, 2, and 3 of this specification are normative and contain RFC 2119 language. Sections 1.5 and 1.9 are also normative but cannot contain RFC 2119 language. All other sections and examples in this specification are informative.

1.1 Glossary

The following terms are defined in [MS-GLOS]:

encryption
Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)
Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

The following terms are defined in [MS-OFCGLOS]:

Application Sharing Multipoint Control Unit (ASMCU)
Multipoint Control Unit (MCU)
Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP)
RTP packet
RTP payload
Session Description Protocol (SDP)
Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)
Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)

The following terms are specific to this document:

MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT: These terms (in all caps) are used as described in [RFC2119]. All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

1.2 References

References to Microsoft Open Specification documents do not include a publishing year because links are to the latest version of the documents, which are updated frequently. References to other documents include a publishing year when one is available.

1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact dochelp@microsoft.com. We will assist you in finding the relevant information. Please check the archive site, http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/E4BD6494-06AD-4aed-9823-445E921C9624, as an additional source.

[MS-CONFAS] Microsoft Corporation, "Centralized Conference Control Protocol: Application Sharing Extensions".

[MS-RDPBCGR] Microsoft Corporation, "Remote Desktop Protocol: Basic Connectivity and Graphics Remoting Specification".

[MS-RDPEMC] Microsoft Corporation, "Remote Desktop Protocol: Multiparty Virtual Channel Extension".

[MS-RTP] Microsoft Corporation, "Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) Extensions".

[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt

[RFC3550] Schulzrinne, H., Casner, S., Frederick, R., and Jacobson, V., "RTP: A Transport Protocol for Real-Time Applications", STD 64, RFC 3550, July 2003, http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3550.txt

1.2.2 Informative References

[MS-GLOS] Microsoft Corporation, "Windows Protocols Master Glossary".

[MS-ICE2] Microsoft Corporation, "Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE) Extensions 2.0".

[MS-OFCGLOS] Microsoft Corporation, "Microsoft Office Master Glossary".

[MS-SRTP] Microsoft Corporation, "Secure Real-time Transport Protocol (SRTP) Extensions".

1.3 Protocol Overview (Synopsis)

This protocol extends the **Real-Time Transport Protocol (RTP)** Extensions protocol, a set of proprietary extensions to the base RTP, as described in [RFC3550], to transfer the application sharing payload encoded in the graphics format described by [MS-RDPBCGR].

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

This protocol uses the Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) Extensions protocol described in [MS-RTP] and the **Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)** described in [MS-RTP] as its local transport protocol. This protocol is the transport protocol for the Remote Desktop Protocol: Basic Connectivity and Graphics Remoting Specification described in [MS-RDPBCGR] and the Remote Desktop Protocol: Multiparty Virtual Channel Extension described in [MS-RDPEMC]. **Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)** is a stream protocol with no boundaries, which means that RDP defines the packet length inside the RDP packet ([MS-RDPBCGR] section 2) and the next RDP packet can immediately follow the previous RDP packet.

RTP is required to use TCP as its transport protocol when transporting payloads for this protocol. For details, see [MS-RTP] section 1.4 for other dependent protocols.

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

This protocol requires all the prerequisites and preconditions of RTP, as described in [MS-RTP] section 1.5.

The RDP protocol is required to turn off **encryption** by setting the encryption level to "None" as described in [MS-RDPBCGR] section 5.3.6.

The RDP protocol is required to turn off Bulk Data Compression for the data between the Viewer and the **Multipoint Control Unit (MCU)**, and also to turn on Bulk Data Compression for the data between the Sharer and the MCU as described in [MS-RDPBCGR] section 3.1.8.

1.6 Applicability Statement

This protocol is used when the RDP payload is transferred over the RTP protocol. The protocol described in [MS-SRTP] is required to provide encryption for the transferred data.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

This document covers versioning issues in the following areas:

- **Supported Transports:** This protocol only supports [MS-RTP] as its transport, as discussed in section 2.1 and [MS-ICE2] in TCP mode only.
- **Protocol Versions:** This protocol, as a payload format of RTP, does not provide versioning information within the scope of the protocol itself. However, as a part of the RTP payload, any versioning information about the RTP level applies.

  The current version is 0x00080004. The current RDP version number can be obtained as described in [MS-RDPBCGR] section 1.3.1.1.
- **Capability Negotiation**: Capability negotiation is done by non-RTP means, usually through a higher level application layer protocol such as **Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)** and **Session Description Protocol (SDP)**.

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

None.

1.9 Standards Assignments

None.

2 Messages

2.1 Transport

This protocol is a payload for the [MS-RTP] transport protocol and therefore relies on RTP and TCP for providing means to transport its payload over the network.

2.2 Message Syntax

[MS-RTP] section 2.2.1 defines the **RTP packet** format and [MS-RDPBCGR] section 2 defines one **RTP payload** format for application sharing.

The total RTP packet size including the transport header, network header, link layer header, RTP header, and RTP payload MUST NOT exceed 1500 bytes, as specified in [MS-RTP] section 2.1; otherwise, the RTP connection will be disconnected. The RTP packets MUST be split so that this limit is not exceeded.

3 Protocol Details

3.1 Peer to Peer Details

The Peer to Peer scenario means that there are two participants in the application sharing session: one sharer and one viewer. As defined in [MS-RDPEMC] section 2.2.4.1, the **FriendlyName** that is sent on the Participant-Created PDU MUST be their local SIP **Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)**.

3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

None.

3.1.2 Timers

None.

3.1.3 Initialization

None.

3.1.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

None.

3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The RTP parameters for packet sequence number, RTP marker bit, CSRCCount, and SSRC MUST be set as specified in [MS-RTP] section 2.2.1 and [RFC3550] section 5.1. The RTP marker bit MUST be set to 0 for the message.

The RTP parameter for Payload Type MUST be set to 127 (0x7F) to denote an RDP payload.

When the RTP packets are received on the receiver side, the payload for each RTP packet MUST be assembled in ordered by the RTP sequence number, and the payload or assembled payloads are interpreted as specified in [MS-RDPBCGR] section 2.

The connection sequence specified in [MS-RDPBCGR] section 1.3.1.1 MUST omit the Security Exchange PDU defined in [MS-RDPBCGR] section 2.2.1.10.1.

3.1.6 Timer Events

None.

3.1.7 Other Local Events

When a packet loss event is detected from [MS-RTP], this protocol stops sending data.

The packet loss is specified in [MS-RTP] section 1.3.

3.2 Multiparty Details

The multiparty scenario means that there are more than two participants in the application sharing session: one sharer and multiple viewers. The sharer and viewers connect to the **Application Sharing Multipoint Control Unit (ASMCU)** using this protocol. For details, see [MS-CONFAS].

3.2.1 Abstract Data Model

None.

3.2.2 Timers

None.

3.2.3 Initialization

None.

3.2.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

None.

3.2.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The RTP parameters for packet sequence number, RTP marker bit, CSRCCount, and SSRC MUST be set according to [MS-RTP] section 2.2.1 and [RFC3550] section 5.1.

When the RTP packets are received on the receiver side, the payload for each RTP packet MUST be assembled in ordered by the RTP sequence number, and the payload or assembled payloads are interpreted as specified in [MS-RDPBCGR] section 2.

The connection sequence specified in [MS-RDPBCGR] section 1.3.1.1 MUST omit the Security Exchange PDU specified in [MS-RDPBCGR] section 2.2.1.10.1.

3.2.6 Timer Events

None.

3.2.7 Other Local Events

When a packet loss is detected, this protocol stops sending data.

The packet loss is specified in [MS-RTP] section 1.3.

4 Protocol Examples

The following RTP Marker is the Payload Type of 127 (0x7F) which is described in [MS-RTP] section 2.2.1.

The following data is an example of one RTP packet that has an RDP payload:

Byte offset	Content	Comments
00	80	RTP Version: 2; Padding: 0; Extension: 0; CSRCCount: 0
01	7F	RTP Marker: 0; RTP payload type: 0x7F
02~03	49 14	RTP Sequence Number: 0x4914
04~07	6E 5D FB A0	RTP Timestamp: 0x6e5dfba0
08~0B	0F 3E 6B 58	RTP SSRC: 0x0F3E6B58
0C~	…	RTP payload (RDP packet)

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

This protocol has no additional security considerations beyond what is described in [MS-RTP] and [MS-SRTP].

5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

6 Appendix A: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following Microsoft products or supplemental software. References to product versions include released service packs:

- Microsoft® Office Communications Server 2007 R2
- Microsoft® Office Communicator 2007 R2
- Microsoft® Lync™ Server 2010
- Microsoft® Lync™ 2010
- Microsoft® Lync Server 15 Technical Preview
- Microsoft® Lync 15 Technical Preview

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. If a service pack or Quick Fix Engineering (QFE) number appears with the product version, behavior changed in that service pack or QFE. The new behavior also applies to subsequent service packs of the product unless otherwise specified. If a product edition appears with the product version, behavior is different in that product edition.

Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification that is prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies product behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that the product does not follow the prescription.

7 Change Tracking

This section identifies changes that were made to the [MS-RTASPF] protocol document between the June 2011 and January 2012 releases. Changes are classified as New, Major, Minor, Editorial, or No change.

The revision class **New** means that a new document is being released.

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- A document revision that incorporates changes to interoperability requirements or functionality.
- An extensive rewrite, addition, or deletion of major portions of content.
- The removal of a document from the documentation set.
- Changes made for template compliance.

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Major and minor changes can be described further using the following change types:

- New content added.
- Content updated.
- Content removed.
- New product behavior note added.
- Product behavior note updated.
- Product behavior note removed.
- New protocol syntax added.
- Protocol syntax updated.
- Protocol syntax removed.
- New content added due to protocol revision.
- Content updated due to protocol revision.
- Content removed due to protocol revision.
- New protocol syntax added due to protocol revision.

- Protocol syntax updated due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax removed due to protocol revision.
- New content added for template compliance.
- Content updated for template compliance.
- Content removed for template compliance.
- Obsolete document removed.

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Some important terms used in the change type descriptions are defined as follows:

- **Protocol syntax** refers to data elements (such as packets, structures, enumerations, and methods) as well as interfaces.
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The changes made to this document are listed in the following table. For more information, please contact protocol@microsoft.com.

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Change type
1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols	Added a reference for the RDP packet.	N	New content added.
2.2 Message Syntax	Added info about the limit of the RTP packet size.	N	Content removed.
3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules	Added an additional reference of [RFC3550] section 5.1 for the RTP paramemters.	N	New content added.
3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules	Clarified that the total RTP packet size includes the transport header, network header, link layer header, RTP header, and RTP payload.	Y	Content updated.
3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules	Removed info about the limit of the RTP packet size.	N	Content removed.
3.2.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules	Added an additional reference of [RFC3550] section 5.1 for the RTP paramemters.	N	New content added.
3.2.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing	Clarified that the total RTP packet size includes the transport header, network header, link layer header, RTP header, and RTP payload.	Y	Content updated.

Section	Tracking number (if applicable) and description	Major change (Y or N)	Change type
Rules			
3.2.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules	Removed info about the limit of the RTP packet size.	N	Content removed.
4 Protocol Examples	Removed the reference for the RDP packet.	N	Content removed.
4 Protocol Examples	Removed information about what happens if an RDP packet is larger that 1024 bytes and about the maximum size of an RTP packet payload.	N	Content removed.

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