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Megaco-H.248 / SIP

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SIP: Session Initiation Protocol

Developed by MMUSIC WG
 Work now carried on by SIP WG
 Lightweight signaling protocol for Internet conferencing

 Text-based (similar to HTTP)

Uses e-mail like URLs (user@domain/host/numeric addr)



SIP: SIP Actors

Client: the application that establishes the connection

Server

• User Agent Server: application that directly contacts the user

Proxy Server: application that forwards requests to other servers

 Redirect Server: application that returns a new address to the client



SIP: SIP methods

Header

- ◆ INVITE: invite in session
- ◆ ACK: confirm connection
- ◆ BYE: tear down call
- ◆ REGISTER: sign up with a server
- ◆ UNREGISTER: "leave" server
- Payload: carries protocols for Session (and media) description (SDP or others)



SIP: SIP responses

◆ 1xx: Informational (e.g. wait, alerting user) ◆ 2xx: Success ♦ 3xx: Redirection ◆ 4xx: Client error (request has bad syntax) ◆ 5xx: Server error (request failed) ◆ 6xx: Global failure (request invalid at any server)







MEdia GAteway COntrol WG

- Develop a protocol to control Media GWs from centralized elements (Media GW controllers)
- Signaling GWs interface MGCs with the SS7 network to allow for interoperability between PSTN and the Internet

Media Gateways:

- Trunking GW: GW between telephone ntwk trunks and VoIP ntwk (or VoATM, VoFR)
- Access GW: GW between ISDN BRI/PRI and VoIP(/ATM/FR)
- **Residential GW**: GW between a few telephones directly attached (RJ11) to the GW and VoIP NTWK. **May collapse in an IP phone**
- NAS: GW that provides access to the Internet
- **IVR**: the Megaco protocol can also be used to control an IVR to collect digits, play announcements, send FAX etc.



MEdia GAteway COntrol WG

 "Intelligence" outside of MGs and handled by MGC:

◆ MG focuses on audio signal translation

 MGC handles call control, routing, signalling, interworking between signalling systems



Megaco: The Overall Architecture





Megaco: Protocol Concepts

Terminations: sources and/or sinks one or more streams (MM)

Permanent (phisical)

may also exist outside of a context

• Ephemeral (e.g. RTP port)

Context:

- contains terminations
- created when the 1st Termination is added
- destroyed when the last termination is subtracted
- all terminations in a CTX can be connected
- "null CTX": contains all term. not assoc. with other terms



Megaco: Protocol Concepts

Transactions

all or nothing
Events
e.g. Off-hook On-hook

Signals

e.g play dialtone, ring



Megaco: Packages

MEGACO suits a wide range of very different Terminations

- Variations are accommodated by allowing Terminations to have optional Properties, Events, Signals and Statistics
- ◆ In order to achieve MG/MGC interoperability, such options are grouped into Packages
 - Most of the extension to the protocol are normally accommodated through ad-hoc packages
- Each Termination must implement a set of such Packages
- MGCs can audit a Termination to determine which Packages it realizes 13



Megaco: Command Format

Command Name(Parameters)

- ♦ TerminationId
- LocalTerminationState
 - e.g. rcvonly, sndrcv

LocalTerminationDescriptor,RemoteTerminatonDescriptor

- descripton f the media flow in each direction: e.g. IP address of the endpoint, port, codec etc.
- ♦ EventsDescriptor
 - list of events to be reported (triggers)
- ♦ SignalDescriptor
 - list of signals to be applied at the termination (signals are tones and announcements to be generated by the MG)



Megaco: Commands

Add: adds a termination to a CTX (might also create the CTX)
 Modify: modifies the properties, events and signals of a termination
 Subtract: deletes a Termination from its CTX (might also delete the CTX)
 Move: moves a Termination to another CTX
 AuditValue: returns current state of properties, events, signals and statistics of Terminations



Megaco: Commands

- AuditCapabilities: returns all possible values for Termination properties, events and signals
- ◆ Notify: used by MGs to notify events to the MGC
- ServiceChange: used by
 - MGs to notify to the MGC that a group of Terminations is about to be taken out of service or has just been returned to service
 - MGs to register with an MGC upon restart
 - MGCs to announce a handover to the MG
 - MGCs to instruct the MG to take a Termination or group of Terminations in or out of service



Megaco: Transactions

- Commands are grouped into Transactions, identified by a TransactionID
 - Ordered Command execution is guaranteed within a Transaction
 - Ordering *of Transactions* is NOT guaranteed
 - ♦ TransactionRequest
 - ◆ TransactionReply: groups all responses to a TransactionRequest
 - TransactionPending: notifes that the Transaction is still actively being processed
 - Should restart the Transaction timeout





Request notification of off-hook event







MGC requests to play dialtone, to collect digits according to a digit map, and to notify in case of hangup





MG acknowleges the creation of the new CTX, returns the name of the CTX, the name of the newly created Termination, the IP and port where it accepts traffic, and the chosen codecs





















- MGCs: must support TCP AND ALF
- ◆ MGs: must support TCP OR ALF or both
 - At startup, MG issues the ServiceChange method on a different port depending on the transport it whishes to use
- ◆ ITU-T wants to add Sigtran as an option on both



Megaco: RSVP and DIFFSERV support

(will be) Part of the "IP Package", in the form of SDP(Megaco)/Annex C(H.248) extensions
MGC will be able to instruct the MG to
mark packets of a specific service with a given DSCP

send out RSVP PATH messages for the specified service





IPSEC Authentication Header is mandatory

origin authentication
data integrity

IPSEC Encapsulating Security Payload is optional

confidentiality (payload encryption)

An interim solution is devised for those cases where the OS does not support IPSEC





◆ Jan 99 MET

◆ Requirement document approved as RFC

Feb 2000 Last Call ended on March 7th
 Draft standard





Megaco: Performances: RGWs, 1 MGC

PDD=2 Tgc+2 Tra+8 Tcr+Trm=720 ms





draft-ietf-megaco-reqs-10.txt (To-Be RFC)
draft-ietf-megaco-protocol-07.txt (To-Be RFC)
draft-ietf-sigtran-performance-req-01.txt



The Real OSI Model

- 9. Political
- 8. Financial
- 7. Application
- 6. Presentation
- 5. Session
- 4. Transport
- 3. Network
- 2. Link
- 1. Physical