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### Gateway control protocol: SDP codepoints for gateway control – Release 1

#### Summary

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Release 1 of this Supplement covers:

- SDP codepoints for the ITU-T H.248 based control of transport layer security (TLS) and datagram transport layer security (DTLS) traffic in ITU-T H.248 media gateways.
- Preliminary SDP codepoint information for stream control transmission protocol (SCTP) traffic [ITU-T H.248.SCTP].

This Supplement is used as a codepoint repository for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) driven registration process of SDP codepoints with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA).

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### Gateway control protocol: SDP codepoints for gateway control – Release 1

#### 1 Scope

Gateway control protocols such as ITU-T H.248.1 may require additional session description protocol (SDP) codepoints for specific interworking functions supported at bearer plane level, beyond for example the SDP information used by call control protocols.

Supplement 14 to ITU-T H-series Recommendations [ITU-T H.248.x] summarizes SDP codepoints that have been identified in the time-frame from June 2000 to the date of approval of this Supplement. It identifies SDP codepoints that meet the ITU-T H.248.x sub-series requirements for gateway control protocols and that are available for general use by the wider standards community.

Release 1 of this Supplement covers:

- SDP codepoints for the ITU-T H.248 based control of transport layer security (TLS) traffic [ITU-T H.248.90] and datagram transport layer security (DTLS) traffic [ITU-T H.248.93] in ITU-T H.248 media gateways; and
- Preliminary SDP codepoint information for stream control transmission protocol (SCTP) traffic [ITU-T H.248.SCTP].

This Supplement is used as a codepoint repository for the IETF-driven registration process of SDP codepoints with IANA.

#### 2 References

- [ITU-T H.248.1] Recommendation ITU-T H.248.1 (2013), *Gateway control protocol: Version 3*.
- [ITU-T H.248.x] ITU-T H.248.x-series of Recommendations, *Gateway Control Protocol*.
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- [ITU-T H.248.39] Recommendation ITU-T H.248.39 (2014), *H.248 SDP parameter identification and wildcarding*.
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- [IETF SCTP SDP] IETF draft-ietf-mmusic-sctp-sdp (2014), *Stream Control Transmission Protocol (SCTP)-Based Media Transport in the Session Description Protocol (SDP)*. <<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-mmusic-sctp-sdp-06>>

### 3 Definitions

#### 3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

None.

#### 3.2 Terms defined in this Supplement

This Supplement defines the following term:

**3.2.1 codepoint:** The combination of a "signalling parameter" plus assigned "value" in protocol engineering. The "value" represents a codepoint (or code position) in the code space.

### 4 Abbreviations and acronyms

This Supplement uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

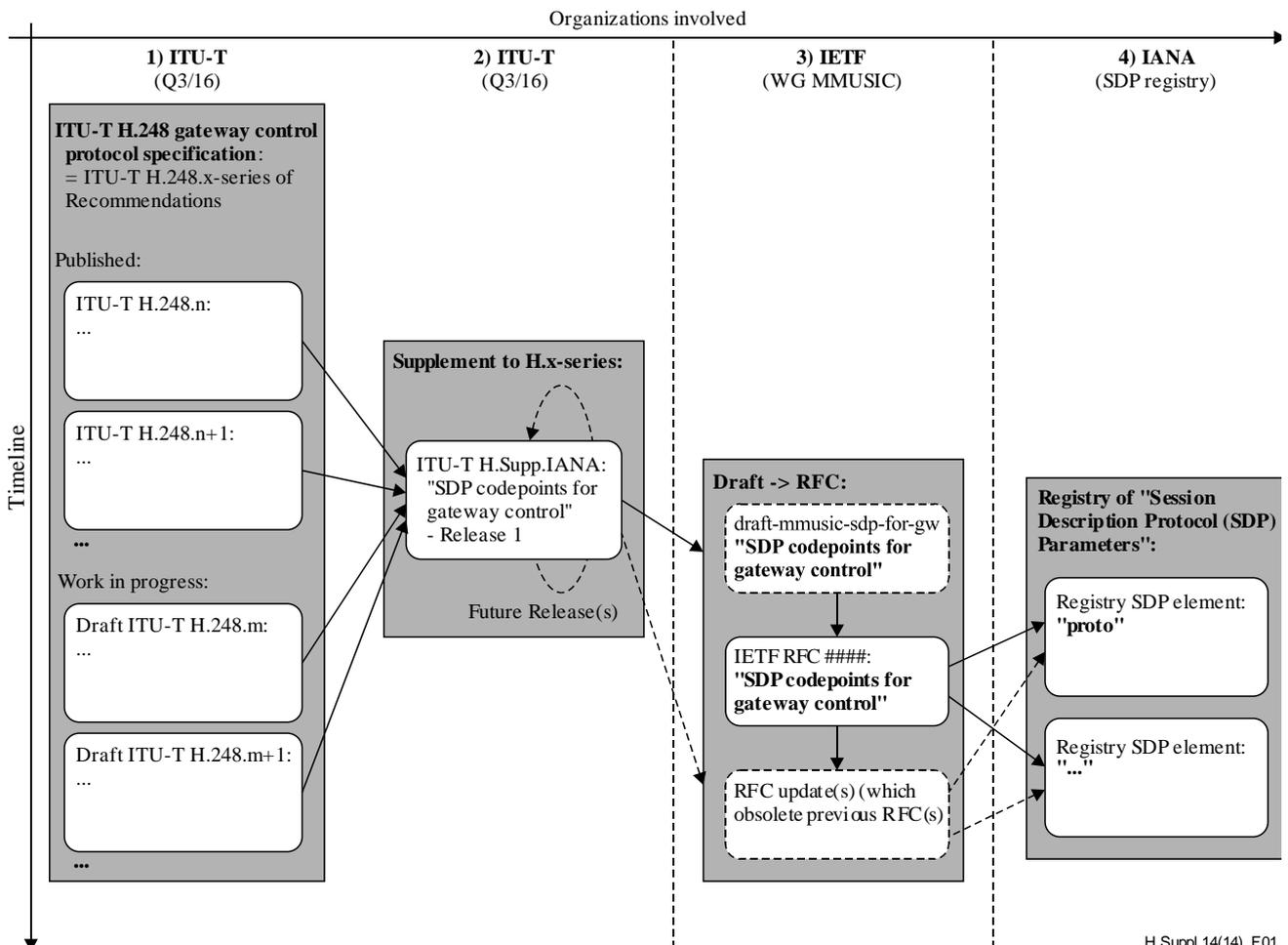
IANA	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
RFC	Request For Comments
SDP	Session Description Protocol
SCTP	Stream Control Transmission Protocol
TLS	Transport Layer Security

### 5 Conventions

None.

### 6 Registration process

Fundamentally, IANA registrations should be based on IETF Standards Track RFCs, particularly in the case of technologies owned by the IETF, such as SDP. The ITU-T could, but should not bypass the IETF in the case of SDP related registrations with IANA. The ultimate goal of unambiguous protocol semantics implies a single instance, which reviews and coordinates registration requests with IANA. Figure 1 summarizes the principle process followed by ITU-T Study Group 16 with respect to IANA registration requests originated by ITU-T H.248 protocol:



**Figure 1 – IANA SDP registry – Process for H.248-specific SDP registrations**

The process is outlined in more detail as follows:

1. ITU-T: ITU-T H.248 protocol specifications reuse existing IANA-registered SDP codepoints, but could identify additional SDP codepoints, as for example those that are the subject of dedicated use cases. Such extensions to the ITU-T H.248 gateway control protocol are normally related to new ITU-T H.248 "package" definitions, which are published as part of the ITU-T H.248.x-series of Recommendations. However, new SDP codepoints could be also derived as the result of (package-less) ITU-T H.248 *procedures* or as a result of specific SDP usage according to an ITU-T H.248 "profile".
2. ITU-T: This Supplement is used as a repository for:
  - a) the documentation of already registered ITU-T H.248-specific SDP codepoints with IANA, and
  - b) the collection of newly identified codepoints.
3. IETF: MMUSIC, the IETF multiparty multimedia session control working group, is presently responsible for the SDP. The content of this ITU-T Supplement is mapped onto an IETF draft, for example [IETF IANA SDP] (which later becomes an RFC), which becomes the baseline for the IANA registration request.
4. IANA: Registration on request by IETF.

The process is not a single activity but rather is open to recurrent updates because:

- ITU-T Supplements support "Release" versions, and
- IETF RFCs could be replaced (obsoleted) by new RFCs.

## 7 SDP codepoints for IANA registration

### 7.1 SDP codepoints related to wildcarding

The ITU-T H.248-specific SDP wildcards "-", "~", "r", "l" and "[0-F]" (see [ITU-T H.248.39]) can be used in various SDP lines and line fields, see Table 1.

Such wildcards represent a codepoint space, but are outside of the scope of any IANA registry.

NOTE – The wildcard characters are compliant with the SDP grammar according to [IETF RFC 4566].

**Table 1 – SDP codepoints related to wildcarding**

Type	SDP name (value)	Reference
Various SDP field elements	"-", "~", "r", "l" and "[0-F]"	[ITU-T H.248.39]

### 7.2 SDP codepoints related to SDP "m=" line <proto> element

See Table 2.

**Table 2 – SDP codepoints related to SDP "m=" line <proto> element**

Type	SDP name (value)	Reference
proto	"TLS"	[ITU-T H.248.90]
proto	"TCP/TLS" "SCTP/TLS"	[ITU-T H.248.90] Note 1
proto	"DTLS"	[ITU-T H.248.93]
proto	"UDP/DTLS" "DCCP/DTLS"	[ITU-T H.248.93]
proto	"SCTP"	[ITU-T H.248.SCTP] Note 2
proto	"SCTP/DTLS"	[ITU-T H.248.SCTP] Note 2
proto	"DTLS/SCTP"	[ITU-T H.248.SCTP] Note 2

NOTE 1 – Codepoint "TCP/TLS" is already registered, based on [IETF RFC 4572].  
NOTE 2 – The table entry may be deleted when the IETF draft [IETF SCTP SDP] "SCTP- based media transport in the SDP" becomes an RFC.

### 7.3 SDP codepoints related to SDP "a=" lines

#### 7.3.1 SDP attribute "ITU-T H.248 package"

[ITU-T H.248.15] defines an ITU-T specific extension for SDP. The SDP attribute "a=h248item:" allows for the carriage of general ITU-T H.248 properties in the local and remote descriptor in the textual ITU-T H.248 encoding.



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