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## Recommendation ITU-T H.248.15

### Gateway control protocol: SDP ITU-T H.248 package attribute

#### Summary

Recommendation ITU-T H.248.15 describes a new SDP attribute that allows for the carriage of properties in the local and remote descriptor in the textual ITU-T H.248 encoding.

NOTE – This Recommendation has been renumbered. It was formerly known as Rec. ITU-T H.248 Annex N.

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# Recommendation ITU-T H.248.15

## Gateway control protocol: SDP ITU-T H.248 package attribute

### 1 Scope

This Recommendation is part of the Gateway Control Protocol family of Recommendations and extends the basic functionality in [ITU-T H.248.1]. This Recommendation describes a new SDP attribute that allows for the carriage of properties in the local and remote descriptor in the textual ITU-T H.248 encoding.

The advantages of this approach are:

- if ITU-T H.248 properties for Local and Remote Descriptor usage are available (due to existing ITU-T H.248 packages from e.g., the ITU-T H.248.x-series of Recommendations), but a correspondent SDP information element is missing, then new SDP attributes do not have to be defined and registered for each property;
- that the property is defined in one place and is applicable to both binary and textual encodings.

### 2 References

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[ITU-T H.248.1] Recommendation ITU-T H.248.1 (2013), *Gateway Control Protocol : Version 3*.

[IETF RFC 2327] IETF RFC 2327 (1998), *SDP: Session Description Protocol*.

### 3 Definitions

This Recommendation uses the terms defined in [ITU-T H.248.1].

### 4 Abbreviations and acronyms

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

SDP Session Description Protocol

### 5 Package attribute

The textual encoding of [ITU-T H.248.1] uses SDP (as per [IETF RFC 2327]) to describe the characteristics of media. SDP value attributes provide a means to extend SDP. To enable the carriage of package defined properties in the local and remote descriptors of the text encoded ITU-T H.248.1 protocol, the Package attribute shall be used. The format of the Package attribute is as below:

```
a=h248item:<package name>/<property name> = <value>
```

where:

<package name> is the textual package name defined in the package

<property name> is the textual property name defined in the package

<value> is the textual property value name defined in the package of the type (i.e., boolean, integer, octet string) defined by the package.

For example: Setting *Maximum Jitter Buffer* in the Network Package described in clause E.11.1 of [ITU-T H.248.1].

```
a=h248item:nt/jit = 2000
```

## 6 IANA considerations

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- Attribute-name: h248item
- Long-form attribute name: H248.1 Package Property Item
- Type of attribute (session level, media level, or both): both
- Attribute value is subject to the charset attribute: no
- Purpose of the attribute:  
This attribute allows for the carriage of ITU-T H.248-series/Megaco-defined properties for local and remote to be carried via SDP.
- Appropriate attribute values:

The format of the Package attribute is as below:

```
a=h248item:<package name>/<property name> = <value>
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where:

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