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RTCP Feedback for Congestion Control
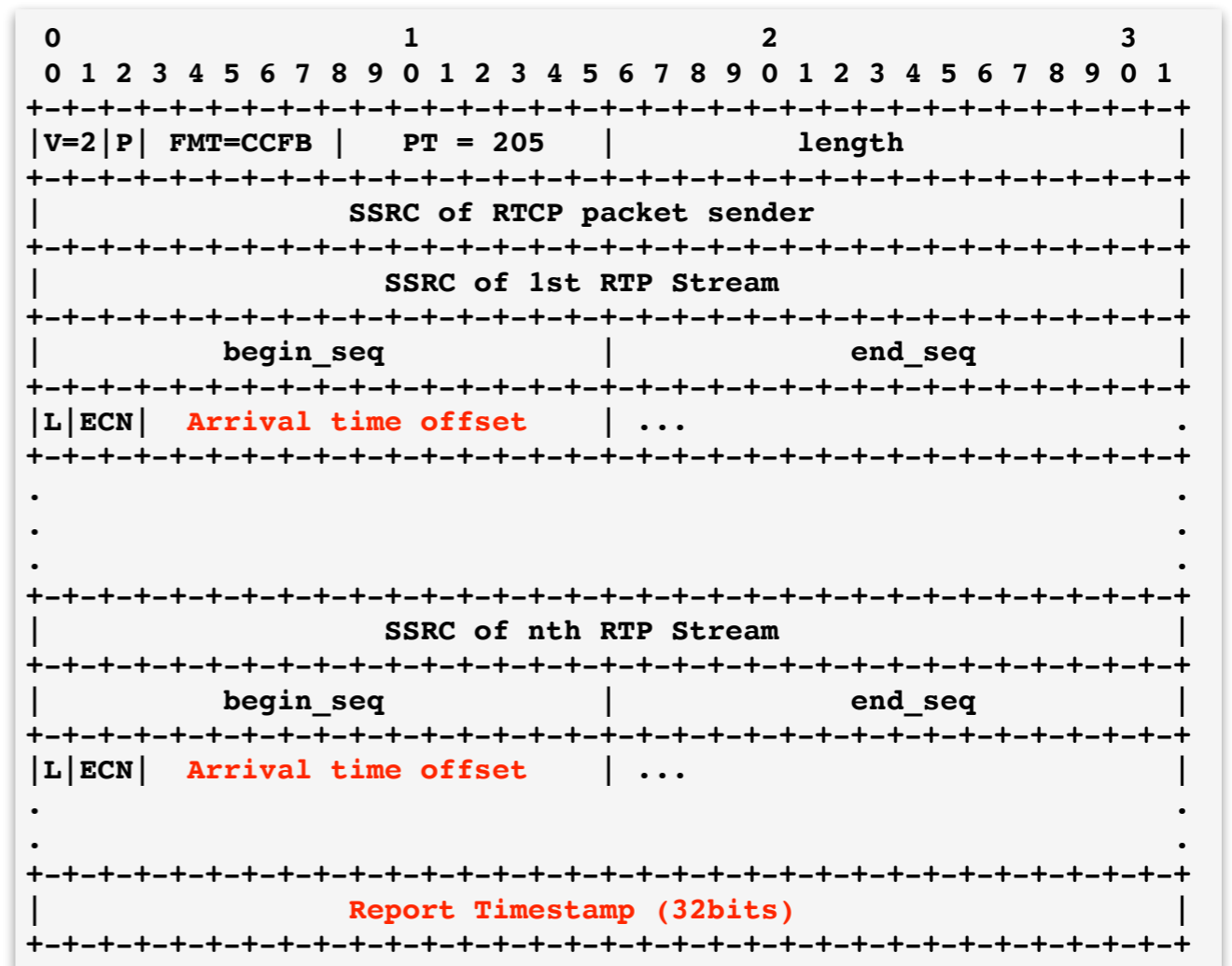
draft-ietf-avtcore-cc-feedback-message-01

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Changes Since IETF 100

- Several technical changes:

  - Specify the Report Timestamp (RTS) field uses the same clock as used for RTCP SR/RR NTP timestamp fields, and is formatted as the middle 32 bits of an NTP format timestamp

  - Use 1024Hz rather than 1000Hz clock for arrival timestamp

  - Clarify behaviour if no packets received for an SSRC in a reporting interval

  - Give guidance on what sequence number ranges to include in each report

- Additional clarifications and editorial fixes:

  - Expand guidance on feedback timing; cite draft-ietf-rmcat-rtp-cc-feedback

  - Clarify how to handle sequence number wrap-around

  - Expand security considerations

  - Readability fixes throughout

Report Timestamp and Arrival Time Offset

- Mandates the clock source, format, and rate:

  - "The value of RTS field is derived from the same wall clock used to generate the NTP timestamp field in RTCP SR and RR packets. It is formatted as the middle 32 bits of an NTP format timestamp"

  - Resolution $\frac{1}{65535}$ of a second

- Arrival Time Offset uses $\frac{1}{1024}$ of a second units (was $\frac{1}{1000}$) to fit with report timestamp

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|V=2|P| FMT=CCFB |    PT = 205     |             length          |
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|                  SSRC of RTCP packet sender                    |
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|                   SSRC of 1st RTP Stream                       |
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|         begin_seq           |              end_seq             |
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|L|ECN|   Arrival time offset  | ...                            .
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|                   SSRC of nth RTP Stream                       |
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|         begin_seq           |              end_seq             |
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|L|ECN|   Arrival time offset  | ...                            |
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|                   Report Timestamp (32bits)                   |
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- Are these appropriate for the candidate congestion control algorithms

Behaviour if no Packets Received

- Two changes in this version:

  - Clarify that if no packets are received from an SSRC in a reporting interval, then no report block is sent for that SSRC

  - Suggest that regular SR/RR packet SHOULD be sent instead in this case, since the non-increased extended highest sequence number received field of that SR/RR packet will inform the sender that no packets have been received

- Alternative might be to send a report with `begin_seq = end_seq`

  - i.e., repeat report on last packet received

  - Problematic is no packets ever received

Sequence Number Ranges to Include in Reports

- Give guidance on what sequence number range should be included in each report: sequence number ranges reported on in consecutive reports for an SSRC SHOULD be consecutive and SHOULD NOT overlap

  - If overlapping reports are sent, the information in the later report updates that in any previous reports for packets included in both reports

  - Reports more than one quarter of the sequence number space ahead or behind the previous report MUST be ignored

- Alternatively reports could overlap, which would provide robustness to packet loss

  - But, the second copy would likely arrive too late for congestion control

Next Steps

- Please review draft-ietf-avtcore-cc-feedback-message-01

- Feedback from implementors of RTP congestion control algorithms especially sought

- Would like to move this forward to WG last call at IETF 102 – need review to ensure it's fit for purpose