

# Why SRTP isn't the Mandatory security solution for RTP

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# The Issue

- Common to get questions why SRTP is not the mandatory security solution for RTP.
- RTP is a framework and usable for a diverse set of applications and type of deployments:
  - Varying security requirements regarding need for:
    - Confidentiality
    - Integrity
    - Authentication
  - Unicast and Multicast/broadcast applications
  - Different trust in end-points or existing infrastructure
  - Different possible mechanism for transport of key-management

# Why this document

- Have a guidance document regarding security with RTP with several purposes:
  - Explain the need for diversity in security solutions due to that RTP is a framework and known diversities
  - High level survey of security mechanisms used for RTP
  - Provide some guidance and recommendations to improve interoperability

# Status and Open Issues

- This is the first version, still quite rough
  - Authors will work on improving this in coming versions
- The known open issues are:
  - Discuss how this document relates to BCP 61 (RFC 3365) ” Strong Security Requirements for Internet Engineering Task Force Standard Protocols“
  - Expand survey of used key-management mechanism
- Is this something the AVT WG would like to take on as a WG item?