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- *Part 1: Framework*
- *Part 2: Specification for simplex group applications*

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Introduction

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies the relayed multicast protocol part 2 (RMCP-2), which is an application-layer relayed multicast protocol for simplex group applications. RMCP-2 can construct an optimized and robust one-to-many relayed multicast delivery path over IP-based networks. Along the relayed multicast delivery path, several types of data delivery channels can be constructed according to the requirements of the application services.

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1 Scope

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies the relayed multicast protocol part 2 (RMCP-2), an application-layer protocol that constructs a multicast tree for data delivery from one sender to multiple receivers over an IP-based network, where IP multicast is not fully deployed. RMCP-2 defines relayed multicast data transport capabilities over IP-based networks for simplex group applications.

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies the following:

- a) descriptions of the entities, control and data delivery models of RMCP-2;
- b) description of the functions and procedures of multicast agents (MAs) to construct a one-to-many relayed data path and to relay data for simplex communication;
- c) description of the security features of the basic RMCP-2; and
- d) definitions of messages and parameters of the basic RMCP-2 and secure RMCP-2.

Annex A defines a membership authentication procedure for use with the secure RMCP-2. Annex B provides a method for sharing information among session managers (SMs) when multiple SMs are used. Annexes C-G provide informative material related to RMCP-2. Annex H contains an informative bibliography.

2 References

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations.

2.1 Identical Recommendations | International Standards

- Recommendation ITU-T X.603 (2012) | ISO/IEC 16512-1:2012, Information technology – Relayed multicast protocol: Framework.

2.2 Additional references

- ISO/IEC 9797-2:2011, *Information technology – Security techniques – Message Authentication Codes (MACs) – Part 2: Mechanisms using a dedicated hash-function*.
- ISO/IEC 9798-3:1998, *Information technology – Security techniques – Entity authentication – Part 3: Mechanisms using digital signature techniques*.
- ISO/IEC 18033-2:2006, *Information technology – Security techniques – Encryption algorithms – Part 2: Asymmetric ciphers*.
- ISO/IEC 18033-3:2010, *Information technology – Security techniques – Encryption algorithms – Part 3: Block ciphers*.
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- IETF RFC 768 (1980), *User Datagram Protocol*.
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- IETF RFC 2003 (1996), *IP Encapsulation within IP*.
- IETF RFC 3830 (2004), *MIKEY: Multimedia Internet KEYing*.
- IETF RFC 4279 (2005), *Pre-Shared Key Ciphersuites for Transport Layer Security (TLS)*.
- IETF RFC 4535 (2006), *GSAKMP: Group Secure Association Key Management Protocol*.

- IETF RFC 4960 (2007), *Stream Control Transmission Protocol*.
- IETF RFC 5246 (2008), *The Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol Version 1.2*.
- IETF RFC 6066 (2011), *Transport Layer Security (TLS) Extensions: Extension Definitions*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

The following terms are defined in Rec. ITU-T X.603 | ISO/IEC 16512-1:

- 3.1.1 IP multicast:** Realizes a multicast scheme in an IP network with the help of multicast-enabled IP routers.
- 3.1.2 multicast:** A data delivery scheme where the same data unit is transmitted from a single source to multiple destinations in a single invocation of service.
- 3.1.3 multicast agent (MA):** An intermediate node which relays group application data.
- 3.1.4 relayed multicast protocol (RMCP):** A protocol to realize the relayed multicast scheme using end hosts.
- 3.1.5 simplex:** Wherein only one sender is send-only and all others are receive-only.
- 3.1.6 session manager (SM):** A relayed multicast protocol (RMCP) entity that is responsible for the overall RMCP operations.

3.2 Terms defined in this Recommendation

This Recommendation | International Standard defines the following terms:

- 3.2.1 basic RMCP-2:** The relayed multicast protocol for simplex group applications, defined in clause 7.
- 3.2.2 candidate HMA:** The MA that is able to assume the role of an HMA, when the original HMA leaves or is terminated. In the basic RMCP-2, the MA indicates the RMA while it indicates the DMA in a secure RMCP-2.
- 3.2.3 child multicast agent (CMA):** The next downstream MA in the RMCP-2 data delivery path.
- 3.2.4 closed group:** A member multicast (MM) group in which all the RMAs have been allocated a service user identifier from the content provider before subscribing to the secure RMCP-2 session.
- 3.2.5 dedicated multicast agent (DMA):** An intermediate MA pre-deployed as a trust server by the session manager (SM) in an RMCP-2 session.
- 3.2.6 group attribute (GP_ATTRIBUTE):** An attribute that defines whether or not the content provider controls the admission of RMAs to the secure RMCP-2 session.
- 3.2.7 head multicast agent (HMA):** A representative of the MA inside a local network where the multicast is enabled.
- 3.2.8 member multicast region (MM region):** A management zone defined by the use of one or more group keys Kg.
- 3.2.9 member multicast group (MM group):**
 - 1) (in unicast network) a group consisting of one DMA and multiple RMAs sharing the same group key Kg.
 - 2) (in multicast network) a group consisting of one HMA, multiple RMAs together with one or more candidate HMAs sharing the same group key Kg.
- 3.2.10 multicast agent ID (MAID):** A 64-bit value that identifies the MA. MAID consists of the local IP address, port number and serial number.
- 3.2.11 open group:** An MM group in which none of the RMAs require a service user identifier before subscribing to the secure RMCP-2 session.
- 3.2.12 parent multicast agent (PMA):** The next upstream MA in the RMCP-2 data delivery path.
- 3.2.13 pseudo-HB message:** An HB message that indicates a fault in the delivery path of the RMCP-2 tree. The originator of a pseudo-HB message is the MA that discovers this fault.