### draft-tschudin-icnrg-flic-01

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### Outline

- Review
- FLIC structure and grammar
- Implementation status

### Review

Name: FLIC = File-Like ICN Collection

Summary: A data structure built on the UNIX inode concept

#### Primary goals:

- Simple design
- Single signature for a collection of content objects
- Aid retrieval of nameless objects

### Supported Features and Use Cases

- Seeking
- Block encoding
- Nameless objects and manifests
- Growing collections
- Variable size chunks

### FLIC In One Picture

```
root manifest
 optional name:
   /icn/name/of/this/flic
 HashGroup (HG):
   optional metadata:
     overall digest, locator, etc. | .----.
   hash-valued data pointer -----> | data |
                                       `----' sub manifest
   hash-valued manifest pointer ----.
 optional additional HashGroups ...
 optional signature
```

#### FLIC Grammar #1

```
ManifestMsg := Name? HashGroup+

HashGroup := MetaData? (DataPointer | ManifestPtr)+

DataPtr := HashValue
ManifestPtr := HashValue
HashValue := OCTET[32]

MetaData := Property*
Property := Locator | DataSize | EntrySize | BlockSize |
DataDigest | TreeDepth | ...
```

#### FLIC Grammar #2

```
ManifestMsg := Name? HashGroup+
HashGroup := MetaData? (SizeDataPtr | SizeManifestPtr)+
BlockHashGroup := MetaData? SizePerPtr (DataPtr | ManifestPtr)+
DataPtr := HashValue
ManifestPtr := HashValue
SizeDataPtr := Size HashValue
SizeManifestPtr := Size HashValue
SizePerPtr := Size
HashValue := See {{CCNxMessages}}
Size
             := OCTET[8]
MetaData := Property*
Property := Locator | OverallByteCount | OverallDataDigest | ...
```

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SizePerPtr := Size
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             := See {{CCNxMessages}}
Size
             := OCTET[8]
```

#### **Change List**

- Drop unused metadata
- Support pointer hash agility
- Add "sized pointers"
- Add "block hash group" with equally sized pointers

MetaData := Property\*

:= Locator | OverallByteCount | OverallDataDigest | ... Property

# (Example) Encoding

```
[FIXED HEADER OCTET[8]]
(ManifestMsg/T MANIFEST
  (Name/T NAME ...)
  (HashGroup/T HASHGROUP
     (MetaData/T HASHGROUP METADATA
        (HGLocator/T HASHGROUP METADATA LOCATOR (T NAME ...))
        (HGOverallByteCount/T HASHGROUP METADATA BYTECOUNT INT)
        (HGOverallDataDigest/T HASHGROUP METADATA DATADIGEST T HASH)
     (SizeDataPtr/T HASHGROUP SIZEDATAPTR OCTET[8] (T HASH ...))
     (SizeMfstPtr/T HASHGROUP SIZEMANIFESTPTR OCTET[8] (T HASH ...))
  (BlockHashGroup/T BLOCKHASHGROUP
     (MetaData/T HASHGROUP METADATA (...))
     (SizePerPtr/T SIZEPERPTR OCTET[8])
     (DataPtr/T HASHGROUP DATAPTR (T HASH ...))
     (MfstPtr/T HASHGROUP MANIFESTPTR (T HASH ...))
```

## Implementation Status

- Full support in CCNx 1.0
- In-progress changes for ccn-lite