

XARPS

eXtensible Amateur Radio Payload Specification

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XARPS

XARPS stands for eXtensible **A**mateur **R**adio **P**ayload **S**pecification. Referencing the **Open Systems Interconnection model (OSI model)**, XARPS is an application layer protocol with link-level awareness for use by RF systems providing application level connectivity to other networked systems. ASCII (UTF-8) is used throughout the specification

Payload Fields

Source	Destination	Options	Data Type	Data
9 bytes (string)	9 bytes (string)	1 byte (hex)	1 byte (hex)	235 bytes (string)

Source and Destination

Each contain callsign/handle with SSID. Field size supports IARU decision for 7 character callsigns. Example source and destination data include W1FCC50, PURPLE53.

BEACON99 is a reserved word in the destination field for broadcast messages.

Options

Value	Option	Description
0x00 - 0x05	Reserved	
0x06	ACK Response	Response to ACK Request
0x07	ACK Request	Used when positive verification is required that a payload was received

Data Type

Value	Type	Description
0x00	Reserved	Reserved
0x01	Battery	Battery voltage update
0x02	Time	Current time payload
0x03	Position Update	GPS position update
0x04	Weather Update	Weather station data
0x05	Text Message	Text message between stations
0x06	Broadcast	Broadcast Message to all stations
0x07	Last Seen Stations	Digest of recent stations
0x08	Binary Data	Binary Data Transfer
0x09	APRS	APRS (encapsulated)
0x08 - 0x0F	Reserved	Reserved
0x50	HTTP	HTTP
0x71	Ident	Ident

0x00 Reserved

Not used

0x01 Battery

This payload type provides battery voltage in ASCII numeric format, which may contain a floating point.

0x02 Time

This payload contains the time in epoch UTC

0x03 Position Update

This message is used to provide position updated formatted as follows:

[time in UTC],[latitude],[longitude],[altitude],[speed],[direction],[station type]

Station types include:

Value	Type
0	Static land station
1	handheld
2	pedestrian
3	Civilian vehicle
4	Commercial vehicle
5	Police vehicle
6	Medical vehicle
7	fire vehicle
8	Federal vehicle
9	Command vehicle
10	Marina
11	Float
12	Swimmer
13	Civilian Boat
14	Commercial Boat
15	Police Boat
16	Fire Boat
17	Coast Guard Boat
18	Command Boat
19	RESERVED
20	Airport
21	UAV
22	Experiment Manned
23	Civilian Helicopter

Value	Type
24	Civilian Fixed Wing
25	Commercial Fixed Wing
26	Police Helicopter
27	Medical Helicopter
28	Federal Helicopter
29	RESERVED
30	Active Emergency
31	Traffic Stop
32	Hazard Area
33-255	reserved for future use

0x04 Weather Update

Weather updates are still in the definition process, but should utilize METAR format

0x05 Text Message

Free text field for text message between stations.

0x06 Broadcast Message

Broadcast and beacon messages. While BEACON99 is a reserved for any broadcast, it is recommended to BEACON and another SSID if you wish to send specific broadcast types like club bulletins, etc.

0x07 Last Seen Stations

Contains a comma delimited list of recently heard stations.

0x08 Binary Data

Binary Data Transfer

0x08 APRS

APRS encapsulated

0x50 HTTP

HTTP

0x71 Ident

Ident