                  Cisco Service-Level Assurance Protocol

Abstract

   Cisco's Service-Level Assurance Protocol (Cisco's SLA Protocol) is a
   Performance Measurement protocol that has been widely deployed. The
   protocol is used to measure service-level parameters such as network
   latency, delay variation, and packet/frame loss. This document
   describes the Cisco SLA Protocol Measurement-Type UDP-Measurement, to
   enable vendor interoperability.

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1. Introduction

   Active network performance measurements are becoming critical data
   points for administrators monitoring the health of the network. As
   service providers look to differentiate their offerings, performance
   measurement is increasingly becoming an important tool to monitor
   service-level guarantees and, in general, to monitor the health of a
   network.

   Performance metrics, both one-way and two-way, can be used for pre-
   deployment validation as well as for measuring in-band live network-
   performance characteristics. It can be used to measure service
   levels in L2 and L3 networks as well as for applications running on
   top of L3. Active performance measurements are gathered by analyzing
   synthetically generated request and response packets or frames. This
   is in contrast to passive measurements that analyze live traffic
   flowing through a particular network element.

   There is a growing body of work on Performance Measurement standards
   that enable interoperability between different vendors' network
   elements by describing common measurement protocols as well as
   metrics. The IETF has actively developed Standards Track documents
   on the subject, such as "A One-way Active Measurement Protocol
   (OWAMP)" [RFC4656] and "Two-Way Active Measurement Protocol (TWAMP)"
   [RFC5357].

   Cisco's SLA Protocol is another example of a Performance Measurement
   protocol that offers a rich set of measurement message types. The
   measurement types can be classified as those that test connectivity
   (ping like) by providing round-trip or one-way latency measures, and
   those that provide a richer set of statistics including network
   jitter and packet or frame loss. Each type of active measurement
   exchange mimics an actual protocol exchange.

   Cisco's SLA Protocol UDP-Measurement message exchanges, as covered in
   this document to enable interoperability, simulate a UDP application
   and can be used to simulate either Voice or Video traffic that is
   encoded in RTP frames within UDP envelopes. The Measurement-Type
   UDP-Measurement message exchanges carry information that provide the
   ability to derive a robust set of statistics.

2. Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT",
"SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this
document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

Term	Description
Control Phase	A phase during which a Control-Request and Control-Response are exchanged.
L2	OSI Data-Link Layer
L3	OSI Network Layer
Measurement Phase	Active Measurement Phase that is marked by a sequence of Measurement-Request and Measurement-Response exchanges.
Metric	A particular characteristic of the network data traffic, for example, latency, jitter, packet or frame loss.
Responder	A network element that responds to a message.
RTP	Real-time Transport Protocol
Sender	A network element that is the initiator of a message exchange.
Service-Level	This is the level of service that is agreed upon between the Provider and the Customer.
UDP	User Datagram Protocol

3. Protocol

The Cisco SLA Protocol consists of two distinct phases: the Control
Phase and the Measurement Phase. Each phase is comprised of
information exchanged between a network element acting as the Sender
and an element designated as the Responder.

The Control Phase is the first phase of message exchanges and forms
the base protocol. This phase establishes the identity of the Sender
and provides information for the Measurement Phase. A single message
pair of Control-Request and Control-Response marks this phase. The

Sender initiates a Control-Request message that is acknowledged by
the Responder with a Control-Response message. The Control-Request
may be sent multiple times if a Control-Response has not been
received; the number of times the message is retried is configurable
on the Sender element.

The Measurement Phase forms the second phase and is comprised of a
sequence of Measurement-Request and Measurement-Response messages.
These messages may be exchanged as often as required. Each
Measurement-Request message is acknowledged by the Responder with a
Measurement-Response message.

The number and frequency with which messages are sent SHOULD be
controlled by configuration on the Sender element, along with the
waiting time for a Control-Response.

The following sequence diagram depicts the message exchanges:

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    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+       Control-Request        +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                 |                                 |                 |
    |     Sender      |                                 |    Responder    |
    |                 |                                 |                 |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+                                 +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
         |                    Control-Request                      |
         |------------------------------------------------>|
         |                    Control-Response                     |
         |<------------------------------------------------|
         |                                                         |
         |                  Measurement-Request(1)                 |
         |------------------------------------------------>|
         |                  Measurement-Response(1)                |
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         |                  Measurement-Response(n)                |
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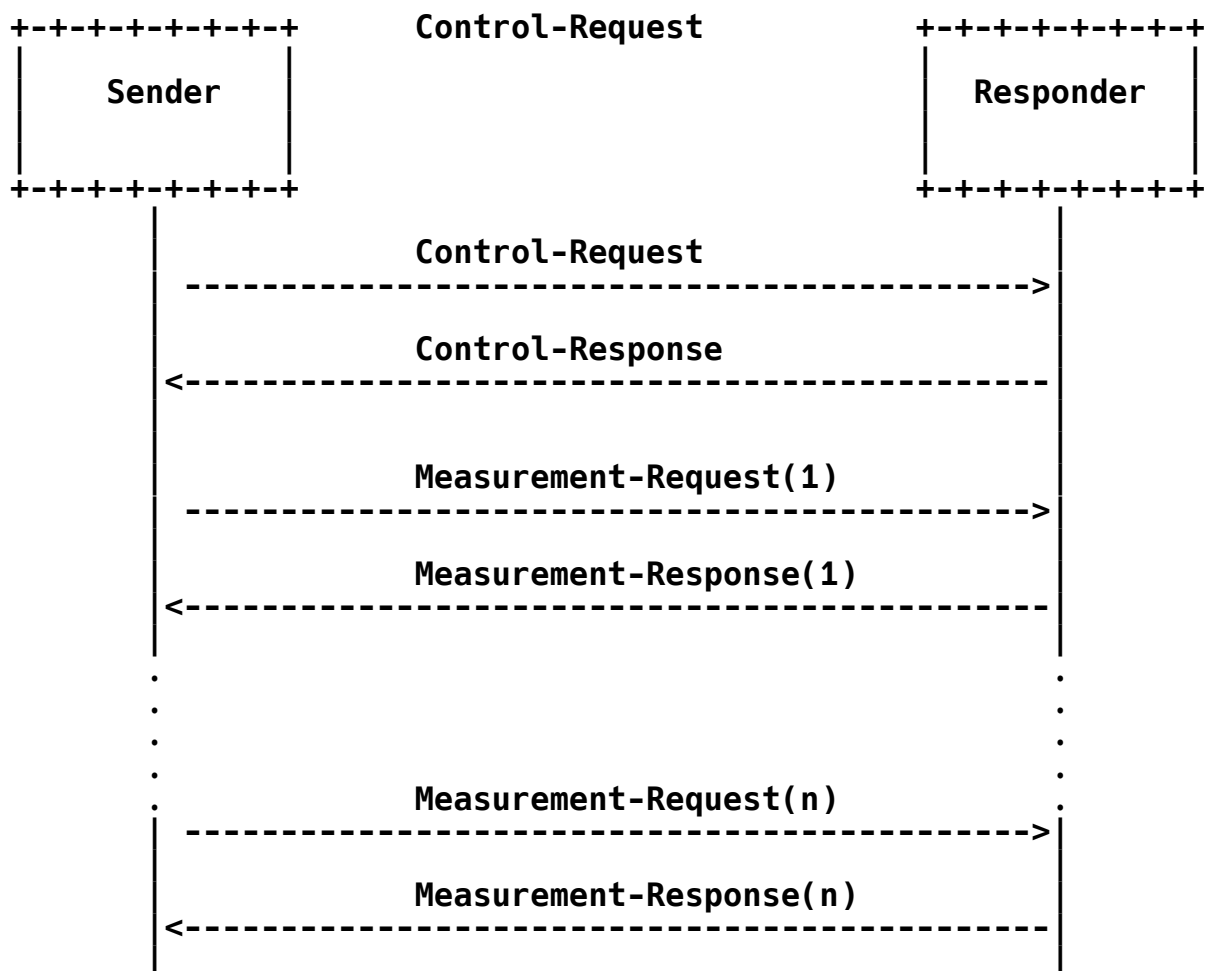
3.1. Control Phase

The Control Phase begins with the Sender sending a Control-Request
message to the Responder. The Control-Request message is sent to UDP
port 1167 on the Responder requesting that a Measurement Phase UDP
port be opened and, in addition, indicates the duration for which the
port needs to remain open. The Responder replies by sending a
Control-Response with an appropriate Status indicating Success when
the Sender identity is verified and the requested UDP port was
successfully opened. In all other cases, a non-zero Status is
returned in the Command-Header Status field.

The sequence of exchanges is as indicated in the following diagram:

```
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+         Control-Request          +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
|               |-------------------------------->|               |
|    Sender     |                                 |   Responder   |
|               |         Control-Response        |               |
|               |<--------------------------------|               |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+                                 +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
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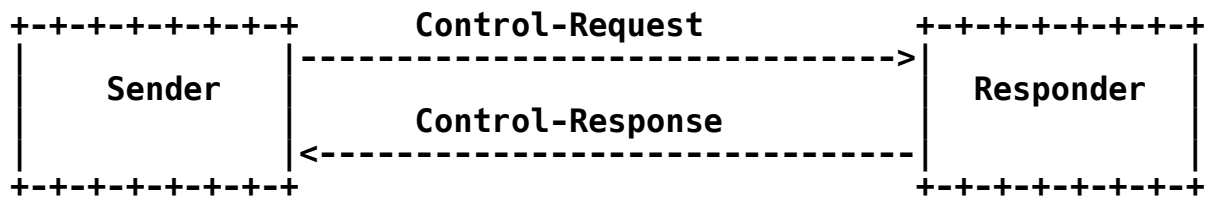
3.1.1. Control-Request Message

The Control-Request message consists of a Command-Header followed by
one or more Command, Status, Length and Data sections (henceforth
known as CSLD). At a minimum, there SHOULD be two CSLD sections, one
of which is the authentication CSLD section and the other carries
information for the Measurement Phase simulation type.

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     0                   1                   2                   3
     0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                                                               |
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    |                        Command-Header                         |
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    +                                                               +
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    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |           Command             |            Status             |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                        Command-Length                         |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                                                               |
    .                                                               .
    .                            Data                               .
    .                                                               .
    |                                                               |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |           Command             |            Status             |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                        Command-Length                         |
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    .                            Data                               .
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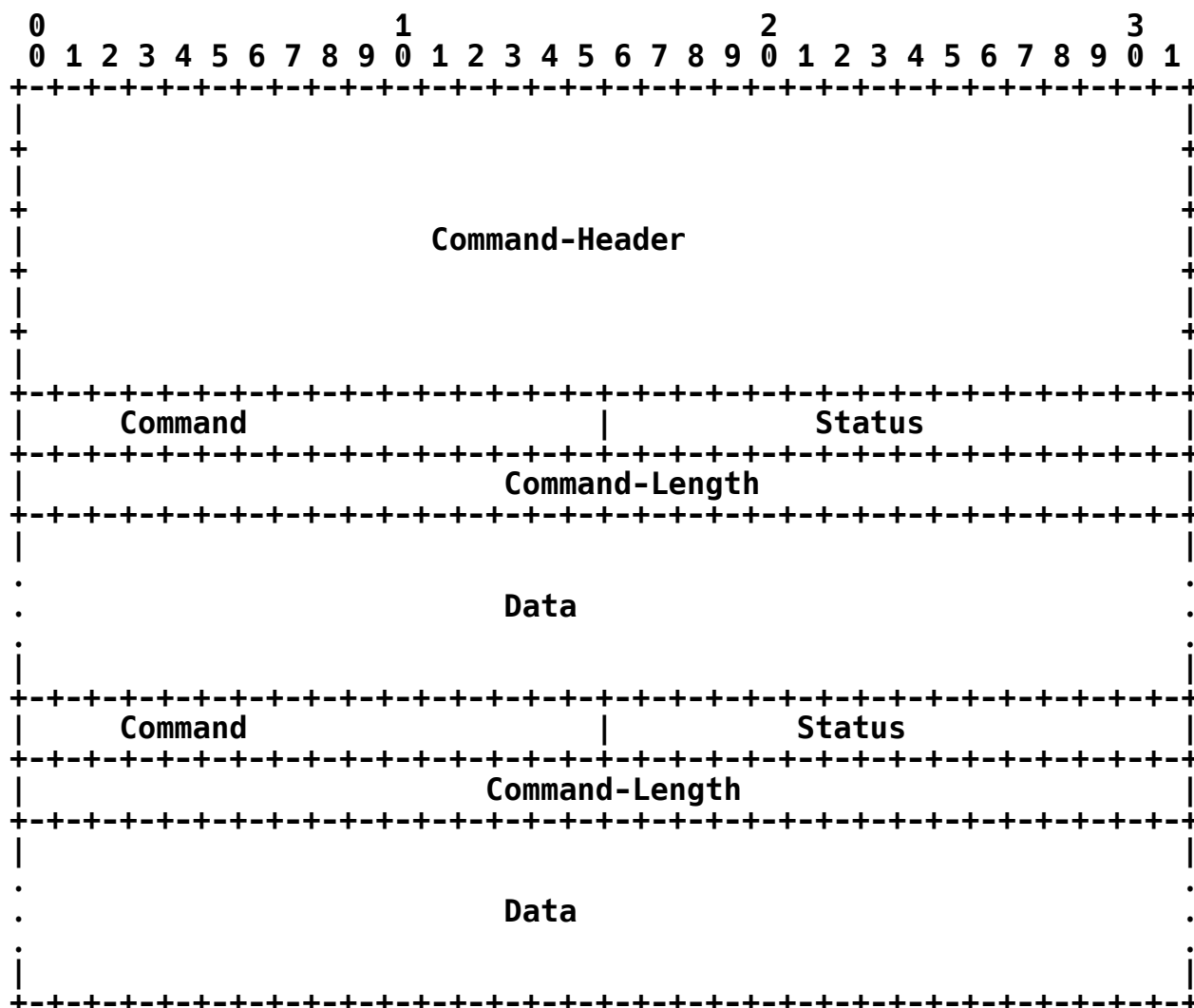
3.1.1.1. Command-Header

   The Command-Header is the first section of the Control-Request
   message and is depicted below:

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     0                   1                   2                   3
     0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    | Version = 2   |    Reserved   |            Status             |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                        Sequence Number                        |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                         Total Length                          |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                        Send Timestamp                         |
    +                                                               +
    |                                                               |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
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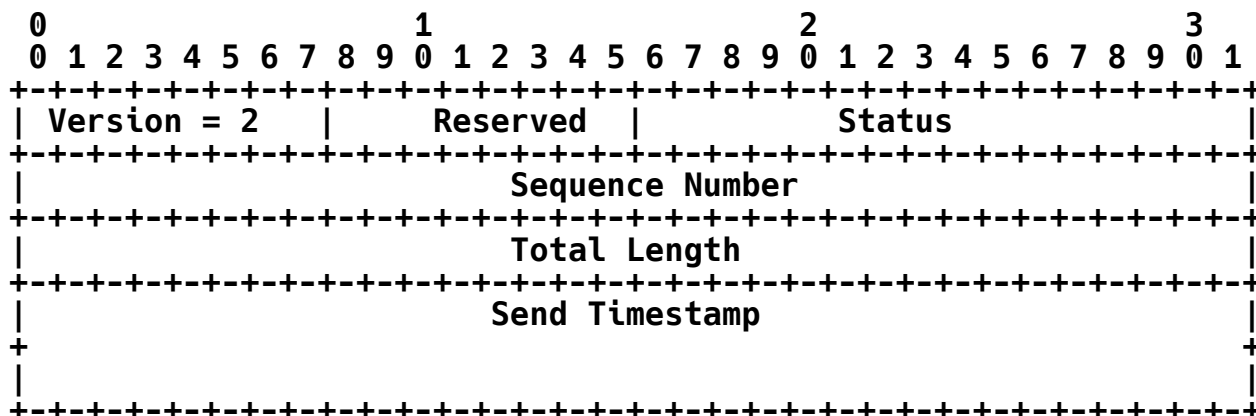
   The Command-Header fields hold the following meaning:

Field	Size (bits)	Description
Version	8	Current version supported and is to be set to 2.
Reserved	8	Reserved field, MUST be set to 0.
Status	16	Indicates success or failure for the entire message. In a Control-Request, the value of the Status field is ignored by the receiver and SHOULD be set to 0.
Sequence Number	32	Used to map requests to responses. This is a monotonically increasing number. Implementations MAY reset the sequence number to 0 after a reboot, and it SHOULD wrap around after all bits have been exceeded.
Total Length	32	Carries the total length of the Control message in number of octets.

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Send Timestamp	64	This field is set to the time the command was submitted for transmission and is updated for a response. This field MAY be used when security is of concern in order to prevent replay attacks. SHOULD be updated when the response is sent. When not being used, it MUST be set to all 0's. The format is as given in RFC 5905.

The Sequence Number field MUST include a new number for each new request and is monotonically increasing. When the Control-Request is to be retried, the sequence number MUST remain unchanged.

3.1.1.2. CSLDs
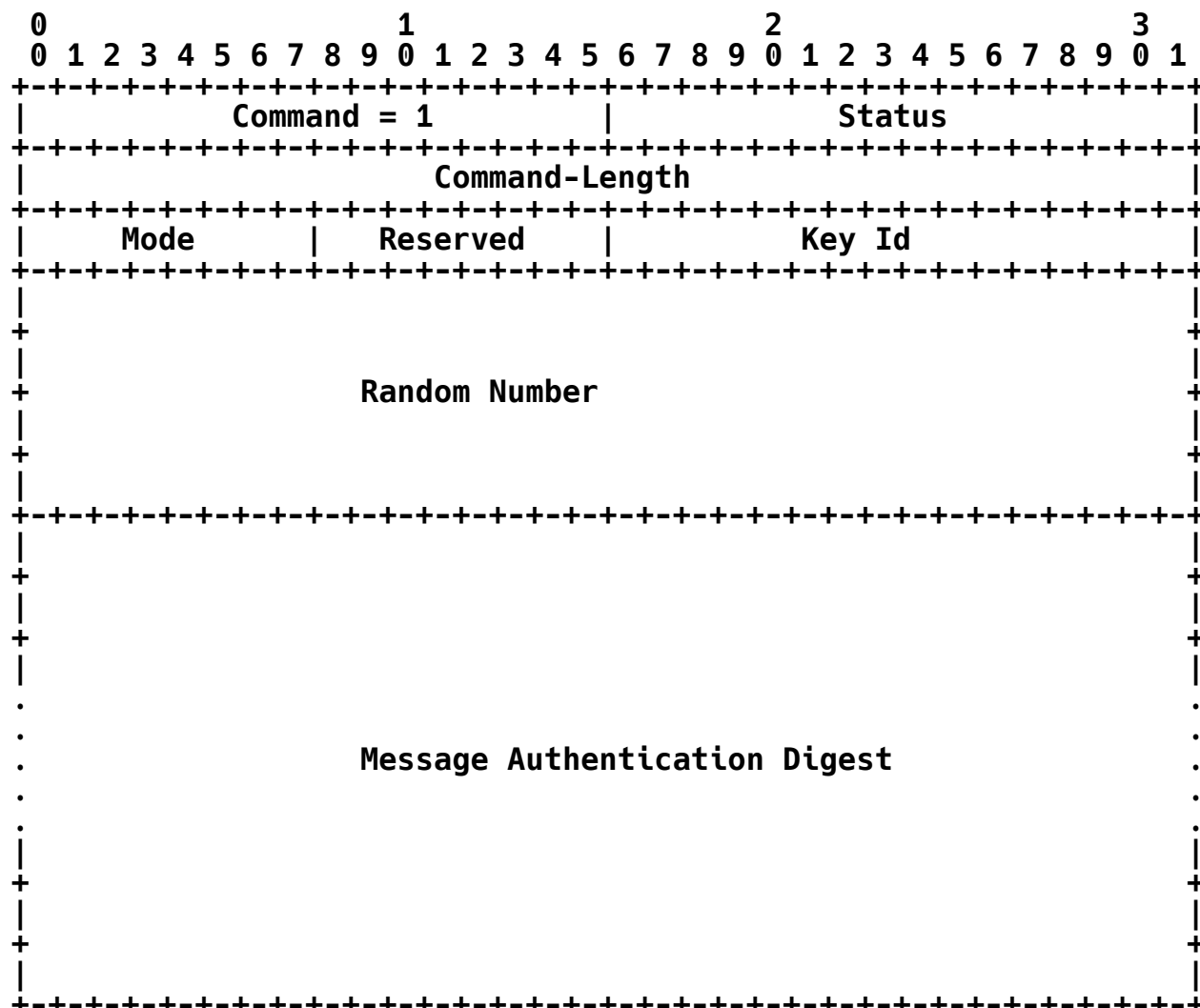
The ordered list of the two CSLDs to be included along with the Command-Header are:

o   The Authentication CSLD

o   A Measurement-Type CSLD

In this revision of the protocol, only a single Measurement-Type CSLD has been defined, the UDP-Measurement CSLD. For future extensions, it is possible to add more Measurement-Type CSLDs. For more details, see Section 5 on extensions.

3.1.1.2.1. Authentication CSLD

   The Authentication CSLD provides message authentication and verifies
   that the requester knows the shared secret. The following is the
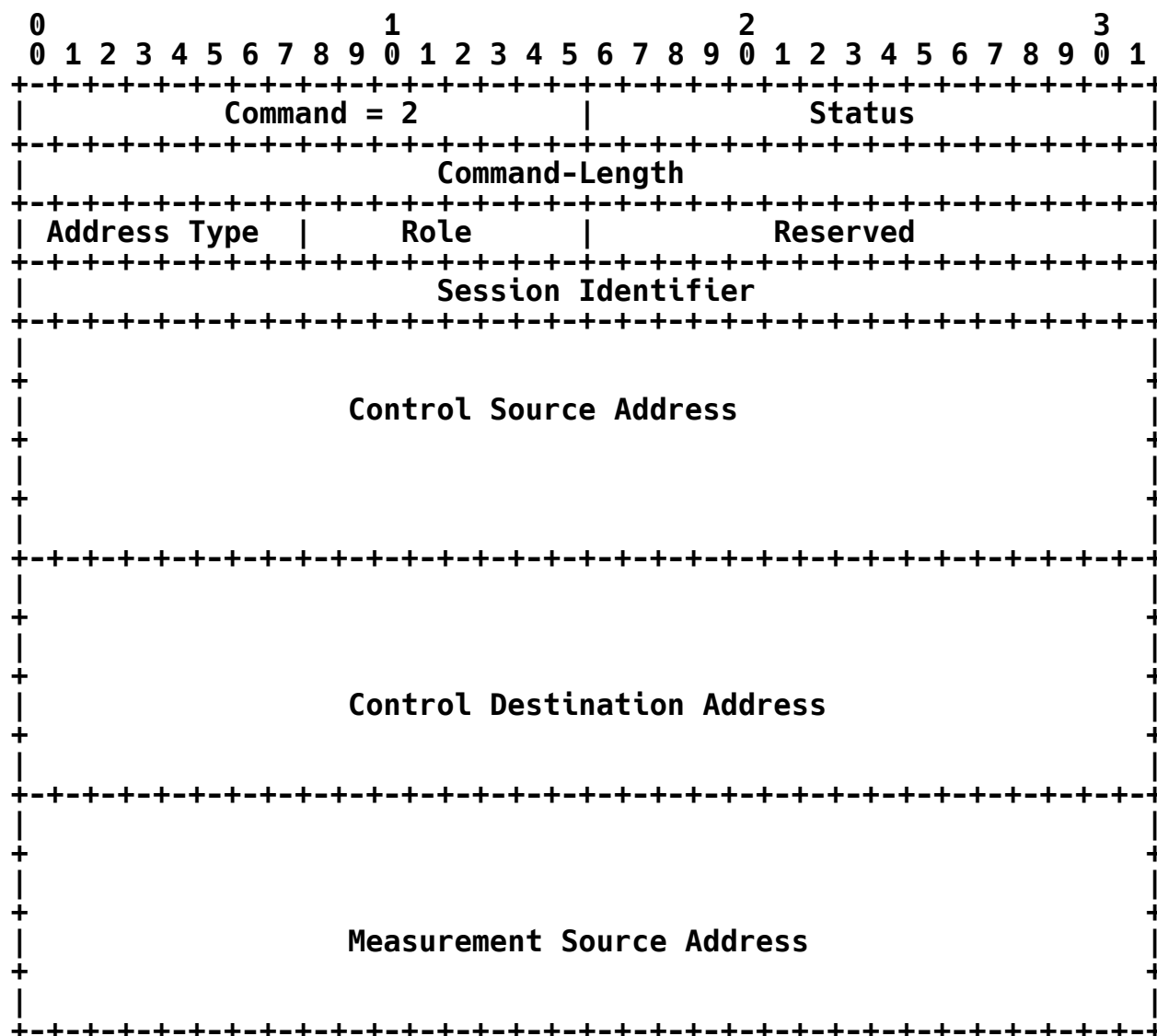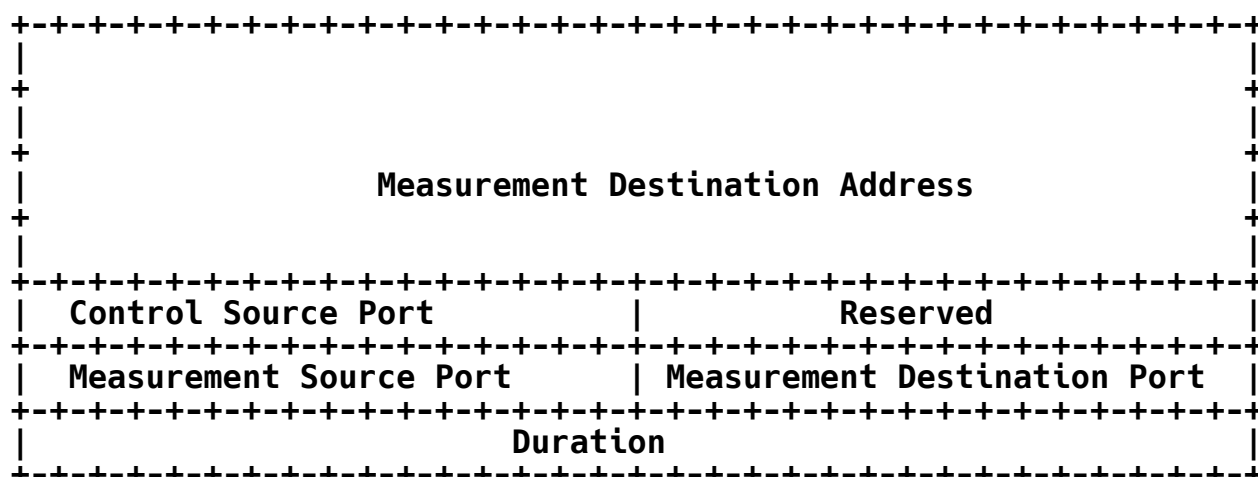   format for the Authentication CSLD:

```
     0                   1                   2                   3
     0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |           Command = 1          |             Status            |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                         Command-Length                        |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |      Mode       |    Reserved    |             Key Id          |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                                                               |
    +                                                               +
    |                                                               |
    +                         Random Number                         +
    |                                                               |
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    .              Message Authentication Digest                    .
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The fields for the Authentication CSLD have the following meaning:

Field	Size (bits)	Description
Command	16	Indicates the CSLD is of type Authentication.
Status	16	Not used for a request and MUST be set to 0.
Command-Length	32	Indicates the length of the CSLD in octets.
Mode	8	Indicates the type of authentication being used and is set as follows: 0 - No Authentication, 1 - SHA256 Authentication, 2 - HMAC-SHA-256
Reserved	8	This field is reserved for future extensions and MUST be set to 0.
Key ID	16	Indicates the index number of the shared secret to be used for authenticating the Control-Request message.
Random Number	128	This field is to be unique over the shared-secret life and is used to make it difficult to predict the shared secret via multiple packet captures. The value is reflected in a response message. This field MAY be used when security is of concern and is useful to prevent dictionary attacks. When not being used, it should be set to all 0's
Message Authentication Digest	256	Contains the message authentication digest and is computed over the entire control packet, including this field set to all 0s.

3.1.1.2.2. UDP-Measurement CSLD

   The UDP-Measurement CSLD indicates the Measurement-Type to be used
   during the Measurement Phase and specifies the addresses and UDP port
   to be opened as well as the duration that the port has to be kept
   open for the Measurement Phase. The format of the CSLD is as
   follows:

```
     0                   1                   2                   3
     0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |            Command = 2         |             Status            |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                         Command-Length                        |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    | Address Type  |      Role     |           Reserved            |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                       Session Identifier                      |
    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                                                               |
    +                                                               +
    |                     Control Source Address                    |
    +                                                               +
    |                                                               |
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    +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
    |                                                               |
    +                                                               +
    |                                                               |
    +                                                               +
    |                  Control Destination Address                  |
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    |                                                               |
    +                                                               +
    |                                                               |
    +                                                               +
    |                   Measurement Source Address                  |
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+                                                               +
|              Measurement Destination Address                  |
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+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
|       Control Source Port       |          Reserved           |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
|     Measurement Source Port     | Measurement Destination Port |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
|                          Duration                             |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
```

Note: Duration is specified in milliseconds.

The fields in the UDP-Measurement CSLD have the following meaning:

Field	Size (bits)	Description
Command	16	Indicates that the CSLD is to simulate UDP traffic measurements.
Status	16	Not used for a request and MUST be set to 0.
Command-Length	32	Indicates the length of the CSLD in octets.
Address Type	8	Indicates the address type and is set to one of the values in the "Cisco SLA Protocol Address Family Registry": 2 - IPv4 addresses, 3 - IPv6 addresses.
Role	8	Indicates the role of the endpoint receiving the Control message and is set as follows: 1 - Responder.
Reserved	16	Reserved and MUST be set to 0.

Session Identifier	32	Carries a session identifier that is a locally significant unique value to the originator of the message. MUST be 0 when not specified.
Control Source Address	128	Set to the address from which the Sender initiates Control messages. For IPv4 addresses, only the first 32 bits are filled and the remaining bits MUST be set to 0.
Control Destination Address	128	Set to the address on the Responder where the Control message will be sent. For IPv4 addresses, only the first 32 bits are filled and the remaining bits MUST be set to 0.
Measurement Source Address	128	Set to the address of the Sender from where the measurement packets will originate. For IPv4 addresses, only the first 32 bits are filled and the remaining bits MUST be set to 0.
Measurement Destination Address	128	Set to the address on the Responder towards which the measurement packets will be sent and is a way to identify an ingress interface on the Responder. For IPv4 addresses, only the first 32 bits are filled and the remaining bits MUST be set to 0.
Control Source Port	16	Indicates the port on the Sender from which the Control message is sent. If not set, the value should be derived from the incoming packet.
Reserved	16	Reserved Field, MUST be set to 0.
Measurement Source Port	16	Indicates the UDP Port on the Sender from which the measurement packets will be sent.
Measurement Destination Port	16	Indicates the UDP Port on the Responder towards which the measurement packets will be sent.

Duration	32	This is the duration in milliseconds that the port needs to be kept open for accepting Measurement Phase messages. Measurement messages received after the duration MUST be ignored.

Note: The source addresses are only indicative of identity of the originator and cannot be used as a destination address for responses in a NAT environment.

3.1.2. Control-Response Message

In response to the Control-Request message, the network element designated the Responder sends back a Control-Response message that reflects the Command-Header with an updated Status field and includes the two CSLD sections that also carry updated Status fields. Hence, the format is identical to the Control-Request message as described above.

The following table shows the supported values of the Status fields:

Status Value	Description
0	Success
1	Fail - catch all
2	Authentication Failure
3	Format error - sent when any CSLD type is not recognized or any part of a CSLD has a value that is not recognized
4	Port in use - the UDP/TCP port is already being used by some other application and cannot be reserved
5+	Future extension and experimental values; refer to the "Cisco SLA Protocol Status Types Registry" in the Considerations section (Section 6).

The Status field values are applicable to both Command-Header and CSLD sections. In a Command-Header, the Status field indicates Success only if all the CSLD sections have their Status set to

Success. The Command-Header Status field is set to non-zero
otherwise. The Status field in a Command-Header SHOULD only make use
of status values 0 through 3, whereas CSLDs can also make use of
other status values as applicable. Future extensions MAY extend
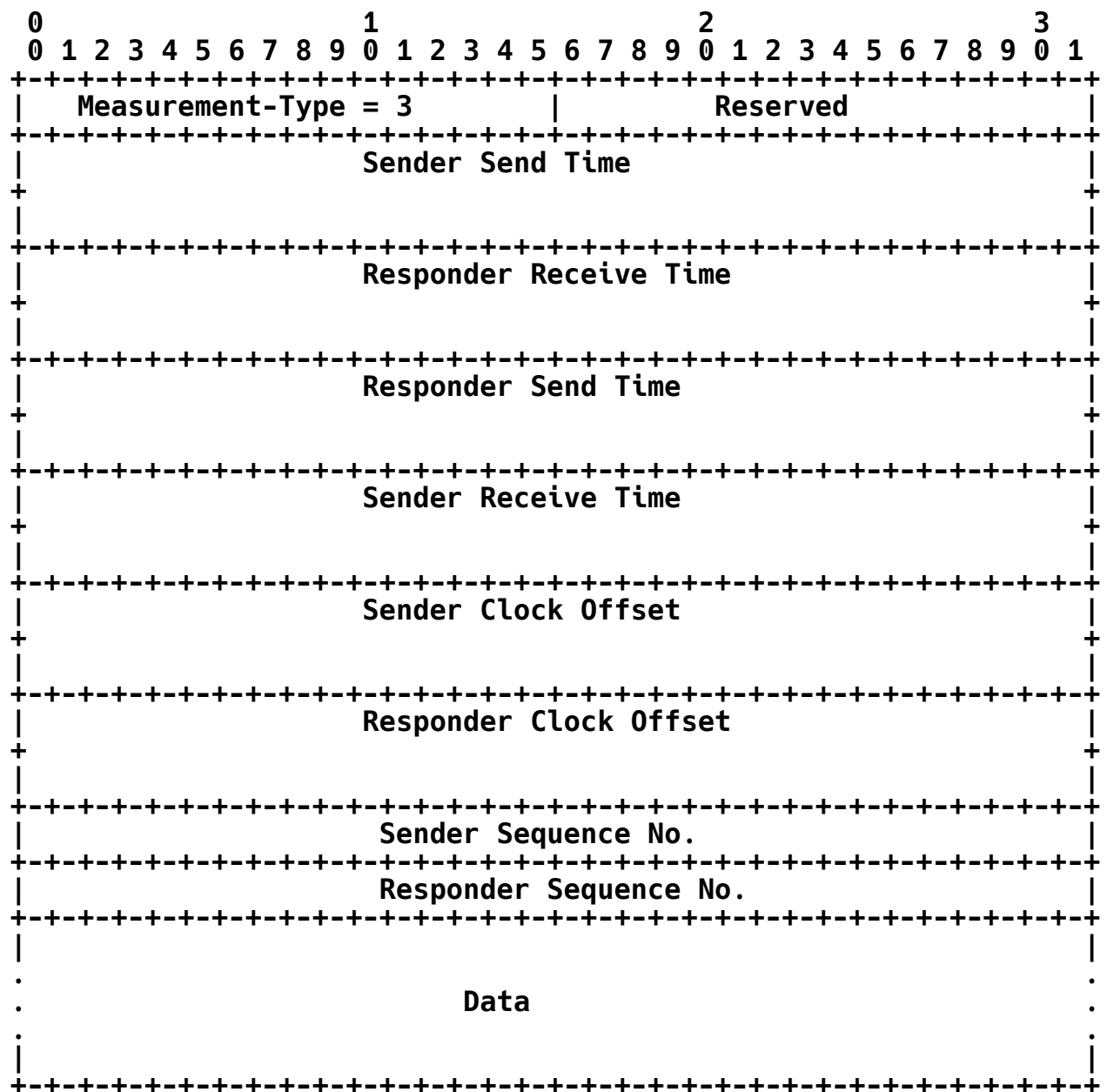these values as appropriate.

The Control-Response message, aside from updating the Status fields,
SHOULD also update the Sent Timestamp (if used) in the Command-Header
and the Message Authentication Digest in the Authentication CSLD.
The Message Authentication Digest is computed in the same way as the
Control-Request message. The Random Number field MUST be reflected
without modification. The Session Identifier MAY be updated to
reflect a locally significant unique value; it MUST be 0 if not
specified.

3.2. Measurement Phase

Upon receiving the Control-Response message with the Status set to
Success, the second phase of the protocol, the Measurement Phase, is
initiated. In all other cases when the Status is not set to Success,
no measurement traffic is initiated. In the Measurement Phase, the
Sender sends a stream of measurement messages. The measurement
message stream consists of packets or frames that are spaced a
configured number of milliseconds apart.

```
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+          Measurement-Request(n)       +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   |                |------------------------------------->|             |
   |    Sender    |                                         |  Responder  |
   |                |          Measurement-Response(n)     |             |
   |                |<-------------------------------------|             |
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+                                         +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
```
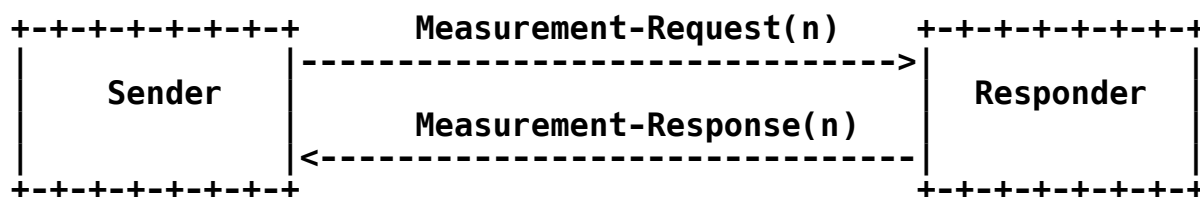
The format of the measurement messages as defined by this document
for UDP-Measurements is as shown below and is the same for the
exchange in both directions. That is, the format is the same when
sent from the Sender to the Responder and when sent back from the
Responder to the Sender with the only difference being the update of
those fields that are designated with the Responder prefix; all other
fields MUST remain unchanged.

```
    0                   1                   2                   3
    0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   |   Measurement-Type = 3        |            Reserved           |
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   |                        Sender Send Time                       |
   +                                                               +
   |                                                               |
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   |                     Responder Receive Time                    |
   +                                                               +
   |                                                               |
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   |                      Responder Send Time                      |
   +                                                               +
   |                                                               |
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   |                       Sender Receive Time                     |
   +                                                               +
   |                                                               |
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   |                       Sender Clock Offset                     |
   +                                                               +
   |                                                               |
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   |                     Responder Clock Offset                    |
   +                                                               +
   |                                                               |
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   |                       Sender Sequence No.                     |
   +-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
   |                     Responder Sequence No.                    |
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   |                                                               |
   .                                                               .
   .                             Data                              .
   .                                                               .
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The fields for the UDP-Measurement Measurement-Request have the
following meaning:

Field	Size (bits)	Description
Measurement-Type	16	Carries the type of measurement being performed; 1 - Reserved, 2 - Reserved, 3 - UDP-Measurement
Reserved	16	Reserved field and MUST be set to 0.
Sender Send Time	64	Carries the timestamp when the measurement message was submitted for transmission by the Sender.
Responder Receive Time	64	Carries the timestamp when the measurement message was received by the Responder.
Responder Send Time	64	Carries the timestamp when the measurement message was submitted for transmission by the Responder. It MUST be 0 in the Sender-to-Responder direction.
Sender Receive Time	64	Carries the timestamp when the Sender received the measurement message. It MUST be 0 in both directions on the wire and is filled on the Sender side as soon as the measurement message is received.
Sender Clock Offset	64	Gives an estimate of the Sender clock skew measured in seconds and fractional seconds.
Responder Clock Offset	64	Gives an estimate of the Responder clock skew measured in seconds and fractional seconds.
Sender Sequence Number	32	The sequence number of the measurement message on the Sender side. This field is monotonically increasing and MAY wrap around.

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Responder Sequence Number	32	The sequence number of the measurement message on the Responder side. This field is monotonically increasing and MAY wrap around.
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Data	32 bit aligned	This field is used to pad up to the configured request data size. The minimum size for this field SHOULD be 64 octets.

Note: All timestamps have the default format as described in RFC 5905 [RFC5905] and is as follows: the first 32 bits represent the unsigned integer number of seconds elapsed since 0 h on 1 January 1900; the next 32 bits represent the fractional part of a second thereof. The timestamp definition is also similar to that described in RFC 4656 [RFC4656].

In addition, the timestamp format used can be as described for the low-order 64 bits of the IEEE 1588-2008 (1588v2) Precision Time Protocol timestamp format [IEEE1588]. This truncated format consists of a 32-bit seconds field followed by a 32-bit nanoseconds field, and is the same as the IEEE 1588v1 timestamp format. This timestamp definition is similar to the default timestamp specified in RFC 6374 [RFC6374]

Implementations MUST use only one of the two formats. The chosen format is negotiated out-of-band between the endpoints or defaults to the format as defined in RFC 5905. [RFC5905]

4. Implementation Notes

Responder implementations SHOULD support simultaneous measurements destined to a single port either from the same or a different Sender. For different measurement instances that originate from the same Sender, there MUST be a clear method for the Responder to distinguish the traffic, for example, per a unique 5-tuple of protocol, source address, source port, destination address, and destination port.

A Control-Request that is received for the same Measurement-Type request as identified by the 5-tuples, for instance, SHOULD result in the resetting of the duration timer as well as the Responder sequence number.

A Control Phase followed by the Measurement Phase can be repeated in order to have a continuous measurement over the entire lifetime of a device.

The Authentication CSLD MUST always be included. The Random Number field is used to prevent dictionary attacks and is to be set to a random value in environments where security is a concern.

An implementation MUST include the Random Number and Message Authentication fields when the mode is non-zero. The fields MAY be included when the mode is set to 'No Authentication'; when present, they MUST be set to 0. For the SHA256 authenticator mode, the shared secret is prepended to the Control message and the authentication algorithm is then run over the complete data including the shared secret. The SHA256 mode is included for ease of implementation, and use of the HMAC variant is strongly recommended for stronger security.

If the UDP port indicated in the UDP-Measurement CSLD is busy, the Responder MAY suggest an alternative port, in which case the Status of the UDP-Measurement CSLD MUST be set to Success. The Sender MAY set a value of 0 in the field, in which case the Responder MAY choose to open a port and send that back along with the Status set to Success. It should be noted that this behavior has security ramifications and the port needs to be chosen very carefully by the Responder.

The measurement stream typically consists of packets or frames with a periodic inter-packet distribution. The Sender need not wait for a Measurement-Response packet to arrive before sending another Measurement-Request packet; in many cases, it will not be possible to wait in order to maintain the desired inter-packet distribution.

The default format for all timestamps is as specified in RFC 5905 [RFC5905].

All messages and fields within a message are assumed to be in network order. In addition, all data fields are unsigned unless mentioned otherwise.

5. Extensions

This section describes how the protocol can be extended to allow for additional functionality, such as new types of measurements.

In order to allow for new types of measurements, additional Measurement-Type CSLDs can be defined to be carried within the Control-Request and Control-Response messages in place of the UDP-Measurement CSLD defined in this document. The meaning and precise format of such a CSLD needs to be defined in a separate specification. Such a specification will also need to describe the appropriate formats for the messages in the Measurement Phase.

In addition, the protocol can be extended by adding support for new
values to registries defined in this document.

6. IANA Considerations

The registries defined below are needed for the extensibility of the
protocol. In the registries, the terms 'Private Use' and
'Experimental Use' have the same meaning as described in RFC 5226
[RFC5226].

Furthermore, for the following registries, the ranges designated
"Unassigned" are governed by the policy 'RFC Required' as described
in RFC 5226 [RFC5226].

Cisco SLA Protocol Version Number Registry

```
+-----------+-------------------------+
| Version   | Description             |
+-----------+-------------------------+
| 0         | Reserved                |
| 1         | Reserved                |
| 2         | Version 2               |
| 3 - 200   | Unassigned              |
| 201 - 225 | Private Use             |
| 226 - 255 | Experimental Use        |
+-----------+-------------------------+
```

The version number should be changed only when the structure of the
Command messages is different from the basic Command-Header and CSLD
structure described in this document.

Cisco SLA Protocol CSLD Command Registry

```
+---------------+--------------------------+
| CSLD Type     | Description              |
+---------------+--------------------------+
| 0             | Reserved                 |
| 1             | Authentication CSLD      |
| 2             | UDP-Measurement          |
| 3 - 52        | Reserved                 |
| 53 - 10239    | Unassigned               |
| 10240 - 20479 | Private Use              |
| 20480 - 65535 | Experimental Use         |
+---------------+--------------------------+
```

It is envisioned that future documents will provide their own
Measurement-Type number and format of the Data portion.

Cisco SLA Protocol Authenticator Modes Registry

```
+-----------+----------------------------+
| Mode      | Description                |
+-----------+----------------------------+
| 0         | No Authentication          |
| 1         | SHA256                     |
| 2         | HMAC-SHA-256               |
| 3 - 200   | Unassigned                 |
| 201 - 225 | Private Use                |
| 226 - 255 | Experimental Use           |
+-----------+----------------------------+
```

Cisco SLA Protocol Roles Registry

```
+-----------+----------------------------+
| Role      | Description                |
+-----------+----------------------------+
| 0         | Reserved                   |
| 1         | Sender                     |
| 2         | Responder                  |
| 3 - 200   | Unassigned                 |
| 201 - 225 | Private Use                |
| 226 - 255 | Experimental Use           |
+-----------+----------------------------+
```

Cisco SLA Protocol Measurement Type Registry

```
+------------------+------------------------+
| Measurement Type | Description            |
+------------------+------------------------+
| 0                | Reserved               |
| 1                | Reserved               |
| 2                | Reserved               |
| 3                | UDP                    |
| 4 - 52           | Reserved               |
| 53-10239         | Unassigned             |
| 10240 - 20479    | Private Use            |
| 20480 - 65535    | Experimental Use       |
+------------------+------------------------+
```

The following registry is also needed for the extensibility of the
protocol. However, the range designated "Unassigned" is governed by
the policy 'First Come First Served' as described in RFC 5226
[RFC5226].

Cisco SLA Protocol Status Types Registry

```
+-----------+------------------------------------------------------+
| Status    | Description                                          |
+-----------+------------------------------------------------------+
| 0         | Success                                              |
| --------- | ------------------------                             |
| 1         | Fail - catch all                                     |
| --------- | ------------------------                             |
| 2         | Authentication failure                               |
| --------- | ------------------------                             |
| 3         | Format error - sent when any CSLD type is not        |
|           | recognized or any part of a CSLD has a value that is |
|           | not recognized                                       |
| --------- | ------------------------                             |
| 4         | Port in use - the UDP/TCP port is already being used |
|           | by some other application and cannot be reserved     |
| --------- | ------------------------                             |
| 5 - 40959 | Unassigned                                           |
| --------- | ------------------------                             |
| 40960 -   | Experimental Use                                     |
| 65535     |                                                      |
+-----------+------------------------------------------------------+
```

Finally, the following registry is also needed for the extensibility
of the protocol. However, the range designated "Unassigned" is
governed by the policy 'Specification Required' as described in RFC
5226 [RFC5226].

Cisco SLA Protocol Address Family Registry

```
+--------------+-----------------------+
| Address Type | Description           |
+--------------+-----------------------+
| 0            | Reserved              |
| 1            | Reserved              |
| 2            | IPv4                  |
| 3            | IPv6                  |
| 4 - 200      | Unassigned            |
| 201 - 225    | Private Use           |
| 226 - 255    | Experimental Use      |
+--------------+-----------------------+
```

7. Security Considerations

7.1. Message Authentication

When the mode for the Authentication CSLD is set to 1, the Message
Authentication Digest is generated using the SHA256 algorithm and is
to be calculated over the entire packet including the Message
Authentication Digest field, which MUST be set to all 0s.

When the mode for the Authentication CSLD is set to 2, the Message
Authentication Digest is generated using the HMAC-SHA-256 algorithm
as described in RFC 4868 [RFC4868] and is to be calculated over the
entire packet including the Message Authentication Digest field,
which MUST be set to all 0s.

When the mode field is set to 0, the Random Number and the Message
Authentication Digest fields MAY be included; when present, they MUST
be set to all 0s.

7.2. IPsec Considerations

It is RECOMMENDED that IPsec be employed to afford better security.
IPsec provides enhanced privacy as well as an automated key-
distribution mechanism. The recommendations below are similar to
those in Section 2 of RFC 3579 [RFC3579].

7.2.1. Control Traffic

For Senders implementing this specification, the IPsec policy would
be "Initiate IPsec, from me to any, destination port UDP 1167". This
causes the Sender to initiate IPsec when sending control traffic to
any Responder. If some Responders contacted by the Sender do not
support IPsec, then a more granular policy will be required, such as
"Initiate IPsec, from me to IPsec-Capable-Responder, destination port
UDP 1167".

For Responders implementing this specification, the IPsec policy
would be "Require IPsec, from any to me, destination port UDP 1167".
This causes the Responder to require use of IPsec. If some Sender
does not support IPsec, then a more granular policy will be required:
"Require IPsec, from IPsec-Capable-Sender to me".

7.2.2. Measurement Traffic

As the Control Phase occurs before the Measurement Phase, it should
be possible to build an IPsec Security Association once a successful
Control-Response is received.

For Senders implementing this specification, the IPsec policy would
be "Initiate IPsec, from me to negotiated address, destination is
negotiated port". This causes the Sender to initiate IPsec when
sending measurement traffic to the Responder. If some Responders
contacted by the Sender do not support IPsec, then a more granular
policy will be required, such as "Initiate IPsec, from me to IPsec-
Capable-Responder, destination is negotiated port".

For Responders implementing this specification, the IPsec policy
would be "Require IPsec, from negotiated address to me, destination
is negotiated port". This causes the Responder to require use of
IPsec. If some Sender does not support IPsec, then a more granular
policy will be required: "Require IPsec, from IPsec-Capable-Sender to
me, destination is negotiated port".

7.3. Replay Protection

For the Control messages, the originator of the message MAY choose to
include a current value in the Sent Timestamp field indicating the
time the message was submitted for transmission; otherwise, it MUST
be set to 0. The receiver of the message MAY choose to validate it
if the timestamp is within an acceptable range. The measurement
traffic described in this document contains a timestamp to indicate
the sent time and hence no new field is required.

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