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TLV Naming in the Mobile Ad Hoc Network (MANET)
Generalized Packet/Message Format

Abstract

This document reorganizes the naming of already-allocated TLV (type-length-value) types and type extensions in the "Mobile Ad hoc NETWORK (MANET) Parameters" registries defined by RFC 5444 to use names appropriately. It has no consequences in terms of any protocol implementation.

This document also updates the Expert Review guidelines in RFC 5444, so as to establish a policy for consistent naming of future TLV type and type extension allocations. It makes no other changes to RFC 5444.

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1. Introduction

This document reorganizes and rationalizes the naming of TLVs (type-length-value structures) defined by [RFC5444] and recorded by IANA in the following subregistries of the "Mobile Ad hoc NETwork (MANET) Parameters" registry: "Packet TLV Types", "Message TLV Types", and "Address Block TLV Types".

This document reorganizes the naming of already-allocated Packet, Message, and Address Block TLV types, and their corresponding type extensions. It also updates the corresponding IANA registries.

TLVs have a type (one octet) and a type extension (one octet) that together form a full type (of two octets). A TLV may omit the type extension when it is zero. However, that applies only to its representation; it still has a type extension of zero. A TLV type defines an IANA registry of type extensions for that type.

There have been two forms of TLV allocation.

The first, but less common, form of allocation has been that allocation of the TLV type has defined (but not necessarily allocated) all the type extensions for that TLV type. This applies, for example, to the Address Block TLV LINK_METRIC specified in [RFC7181]. The LINK_METRIC type extensions are all available for allocation for different definitions of link metric. It is appropriate in this case to apply the name LINK_METRIC to the type, and also to all the full types corresponding to that type, as has been done. Type extensions can then be individually named or can be simply referred to by their number.

The second, more common, form of allocation has been that allocation of the TLV type has defined only type extension 0, and possibly type extension 1, for that TLV type. An example is the Address Block TLV LINK_STATUS defined in [RFC6130], where only type extension 0 is allocated. It is not reasonable to assume that the remaining 255 type extensions will be allocated to forms of LINK_STATUS. (Other forms of link status are already catered to by the introduction, in [RFC7188], of a registry for values of the LINK_STATUS TLV.) Thus, the name LINK_STATUS should be attached to the specific type extension for that type, i.e., to the full type and not to the TLV type when used with any other type extensions. This was, however, not done as part of the initial registration of this TLV type. Effectively, this leaves, for the LINK_STATUS TLV type, the type extensions 1-255 either unavailable for allocation (if applying strictly the interpretation that they must relate to a LINK_STATUS) or counterintuitively named for their intended function.

The purpose of this document is to change how names of the second form are applied and recorded in IANA registries, and to provide guidelines and instructions for future TLV type allocations. This is to facilitate the addition of new TLVs using type extensions other than 0, but without them having inappropriate names attached. So, for example, LINK_STATUS will become the name of the full type (composed of the TLV type 3 and the TLV type extension 0) and will cease being the name of the TLV type 3. This leaves the question of how to name the type. As it is not clear what other TLVs might be defined for other type extensions of the same type, the type is currently left unnamed and specified only by number.

This document also updates the Expert Review guidelines from [RFC5444], so as to establish a policy for consistent naming of future TLV type and type extension allocations.

For clarity, all currently allocated TLVs in [RFC5497], [RFC6130], [RFC6621], [RFC7181], and [RFC7182] are listed in the IANA Considerations section of this document, each specifying the updates or indicating no change when that is appropriate (such as the LINK_METRIC TLV and both TLVs defined in [RFC6621]). The only changes are of naming.

Note that nothing in this document changes the operation of any protocol. This naming is already used, in effect, in [RFC6130] and [RFC7181], currently the main users of allocated TLVs. For example, the former indicates that all usage of LINK_STATUS refers to that TLV with type extension 0.

2. Terminology

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

All references to elements such as "packet", "message", and "TLV" in this document refer to those defined in [RFC5444].

3. IANA Considerations

This document updates the Expert Review evaluation guidelines for allocations in [RFC5444] in the "Packet TLV Types", "Message TLV Types", and "Address Block TLV Types" registries and updates the already-made allocations to conform with these guidelines.

3.1. Expert Review: Evaluation Guidelines

For registration in the "Packet TLV Types", "Message TLV Types", and "Address Block TLV Types" registries, the following guidelines apply, in addition to those given in Section 6.1 in [RFC5444]:

- o If the requested TLV type immediately defines (but not necessarily allocates) all the corresponding type extensions for versions of that type, then a common name **SHOULD** be assigned for the TLV type.

This case is unchanged by this specification. This currently includes TLV types named ICV, TIMESTAMP, and LINK_METRIC; it also includes the HELLO Message-Type-specific TLVs defined in [RFC6621].

- o Otherwise, if the requested TLV type does not immediately define all the corresponding type extensions for versions of that type, then a common name **SHOULD NOT** be assigned for that TLV type. Instead, it is **RECOMMENDED** that:
 - * The "description" for the allocated TLV type be "Defined by Type Extension".
 - * For Packet TLV Types, the type extension registry, created for the TLV type, be named "Type XX Packet TLV Type Extensions", with XX replaced by the numerical value of the TLV type.
 - * For Message TLV Types, the type extension registry, created for the TLV type, be named "Type XX Message TLV Type Extensions", with XX replaced by the numerical value of the TLV type.
 - * For Address Block TLV Types, the type extension registry, created for the TLV type, be named "Type XX Address Block TLV Type Extensions", with XX replaced by the numerical value of the TLV type.
 - * When a new type extension is required, unless there are reasons to the contrary, the next consecutive type extension is allocated and given a name. (Reasons to the contrary **MAY** include maintaining a correspondence between corresponding Packet, Message, and Address Block TLVs, and reserving type extension zero if not yet allocated.)

3.2. Updated IANA Registries

The following changes (including correction of some existing minor errors) apply to the IANA registry "Mobile Ad hoc NETwork (MANET) Parameters". For clarity, registries that are unchanged, including those that define all type extensions of a TLV type, are listed as unchanged.

The IANA registry "Packet TLV Types" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "ICV Packet TLV Type Extensions" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "TIMESTAMP Packet TLV Type Extensions" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "Message TLV Types" is changed to match Table 1.

| Type | Description | Reference |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 0 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC5497] |
| 1 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC5497] |
| 2-4 | Unassigned | |
| 5 | ICV | [RFC7182] |
| 6 | TIMESTAMP | [RFC7182] |
| 7 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC7181] |
| 8 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC7181] |
| 9-223 | Unassigned | |
| 224-255 | Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC5444] |

Table 1: Message TLV Types

The IANA registry "INTERVAL_TIME Message Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 0 Message TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 2.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|---------------|--|-----------|
| 0 | INTERVAL_TIME | The maximum time before another message of the same type as this message from the same originator should be received | [RFC5497] |
| 1-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC5497] |

Table 2: Type 0 Message TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "VALIDITY_TIME Message Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 1 Message TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 3.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|---------------|--|-----------|
| 0 | VALIDITY_TIME | The time from receipt of the message during which the information contained in the message is to be considered valid | [RFC5497] |
| 1-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC5497] |

Table 3: Type 1 Message TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "ICV Message TLV Type Extensions" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "TIMESTAMP Message TLV Type Extensions" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "MPR_WILLING Message Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 7 Message TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 4.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|-------------|---|-----------|
| 0 | MPR_WILLING | Bits 0-3 specify the originating router's willingness to act as a flooding MPR; bits 4-7 specify the originating router's willingness to act as a routing MPR | [RFC7181] |
| 1-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC7181] |

Table 4: Type 7 Message TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "CONT_SEQ_NUM Message Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 8 Message TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 5.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|---------------------------|---|-----------|
| 0 | CONT_SEQ_NUM (COMPLETE) | Specifies a content sequence number for this complete message | [RFC7181] |
| 1 | CONT_SEQ_NUM (INCOMPLETE) | Specifies a content sequence number for this incomplete message | [RFC7181] |
| 2-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC7181] |

Table 5: Type 8 Message TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "HELLO Message-Type-specific Message TLV Types" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "SMF_TYPE Message TLV Type Extensions" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "TC Message-Type-specific Message TLV Types" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "Address Block TLV Types" has been changed to match Table 6.

| Type | Description | Reference |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 0 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC5497] |
| 1 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC5497] |
| 2 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC6130] |
| 3 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC6130] |
| 4 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC6130] |
| 5 | ICV | [RFC7182] |
| 6 | TIMESTAMP | [RFC7182] |
| 7 | LINK_METRIC | [RFC7181] |
| 8 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC7181] |
| 9 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC7181] |
| 10 | Defined by Type Extension | [RFC7181] |
| 11-223 | Unassigned | |
| 224-255 | Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC5444] |

Table 6: Address Block TLV Types

The IANA registry "INTERVAL_TIME Address Block TLV Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 0 Address Block TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 7.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|----------------|---------------|--|-----------|
| 0 | INTERVAL_TIME | The maximum time before another message of the same type as this message from the same originator and containing this address should be received | [RFC5497] |
| 1-223 | | Unassigned | |
| 224-255 | | Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC5497] |

Table 7: Type 0 Address Block TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "VALIDITY_TIME Address Block TLV Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 1 Address Block TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 8.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|---------------|--|-----------|
| 0 | VALIDITY_TIME | The time from receipt of the address during which the information regarding this address is to be considered valid | [RFC5497] |
| 1-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC5497] |

Table 8: Type 1 Address Block TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "LOCAL_IF Address Block TLV Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 2 Address Block TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 9.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|----------|---|--------------------|
| 0 | LOCAL_IF | This value is to be interpreted according to the registry "LOCAL_IF TLV Values" | [RFC7188][RFC6130] |
| 1-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC6130] |

Table 9: Type 2 Address Block TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "LINK_STATUS Address Block TLV Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 3 Address Block TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 10.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|-------------|--|--------------------|
| 0 | LINK_STATUS | This value is to be interpreted according to the registry "LINK_STATUS TLV Values" | [RFC7188][RFC6130] |
| 1-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC6130] |

Table 10: Type 3 Address Block TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "OTHER_NEIGHB Address Block TLV Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 4 Address Block TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 11.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|--------------|---|--------------------|
| 0 | OTHER_NEIGHB | This value is to be interpreted according to the registry "OTHER_NEIGHB TLV Values" | [RFC7188][RFC6130] |
| 1-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | [RFC6130] |

Table 11: Type 4 Address Block TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "ICV Address TLV Type Extensions" has been renamed "ICV Address Block TLV Type Extensions" but is otherwise unchanged.

The IANA registry "TIMESTAMP Address TLV Type Extensions" has been renamed "TIMESTAMP Address Block TLV Type Extensions" but is otherwise unchanged.

The IANA registry "LINK_METRIC Address Block TLV Type Extensions" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "MPR Address Block TLV Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 8 Address Block TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 12.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|------|--|--------------------------|
| 0 | MPR | This value is to be interpreted according to the registry "MPR TLV Bit Values" | [RFC7188][RFC7181] |
| 1-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | RFC 7631 (this document) |

Table 12: Type 8 Address Block TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "NBR_ADDR_TYPE Address Block TLV Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 9 Address Block TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 13.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------|
| 0 | NBR_ADDR_TYPE | This value is to be interpreted according to the registry "NBR_ADDR_TYPE Address Block TLV Bit Values" | [RFC7188][RFC7181] |
| 1-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | RFC 7631 (this document) |

Table 13: Type 9 Address Block TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "GATEWAY Address Block TLV Type Extensions" has been renamed "Type 10 Address Block TLV Type Extensions" and changed to match Table 14.

| Type Extension | Name | Description | Reference |
|------------------|---------|---|--------------------------|
| 0 | GATEWAY | Specifies that a given network address is reached via a gateway on the originating router, with value equal to the number of hops | [RFC7188][RFC7181] |
| 1-223 224-255 | | Unassigned Reserved for Experimental Use | RFC 7631 (this document) |

Table 14: Type 10 Address Block TLV Type Extensions

The IANA registry "HELLO Message-Type-specific Address Block TLV Types" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "SMF_NBR_TYPE Address Block TLV Type Extensions" is unchanged.

The IANA registry "TC Message-Type-specific Address Block TLV Types" is unchanged.

Note: This document adds reservations for Experimental Use [RFC5226], omitted in [RFC7181], to the last three tables.

4. Security Considerations

As this document is concerned only with how entities are named, those names being used only in documents such as this and IANA registries, this document has no security considerations.

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